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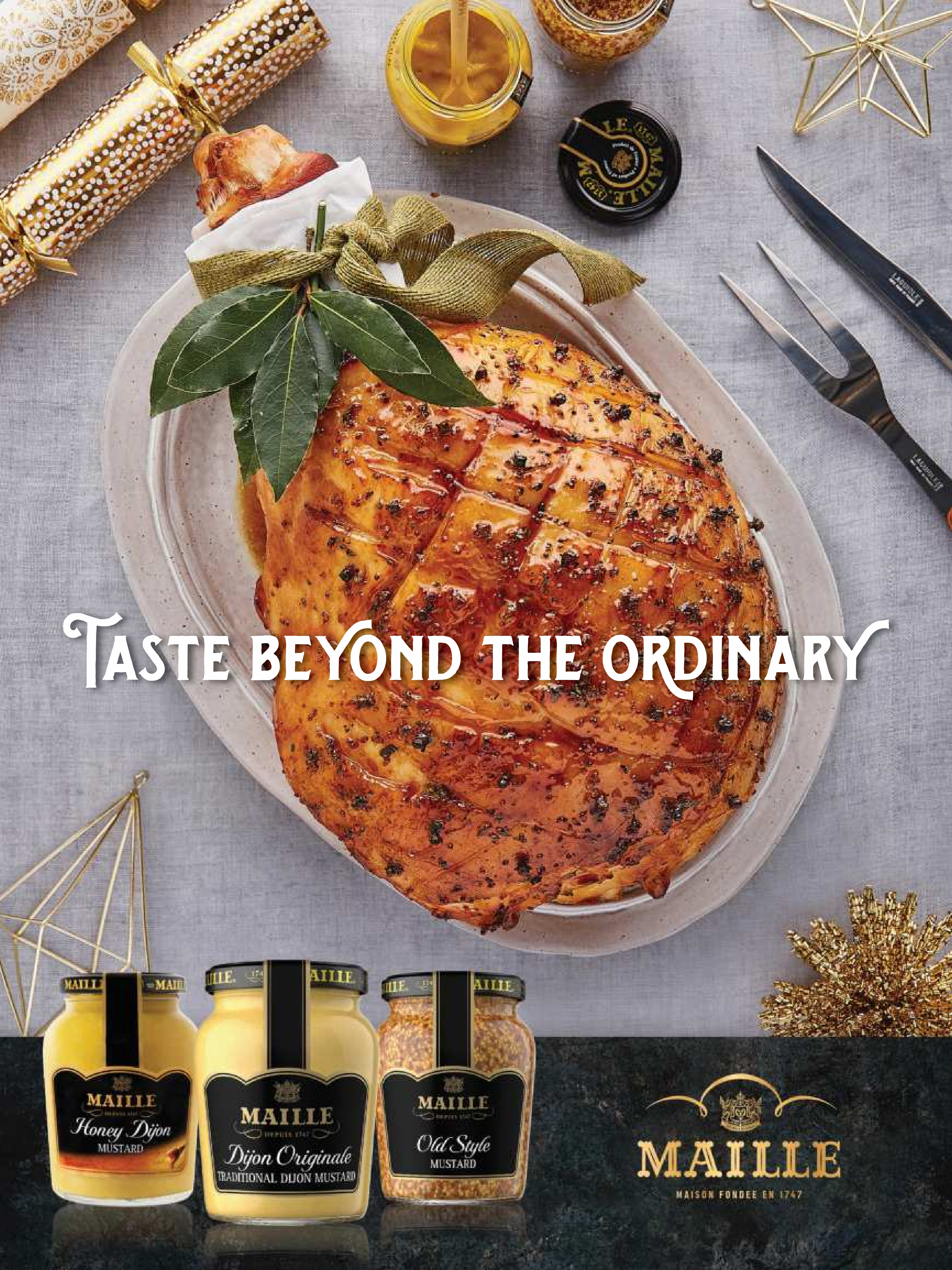
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–KATHIE LEE GIFFORD, on finding love again, on Peacock's *Holiday Steals and Deals with Jill Martin*

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–SHAWN MENDES, on being in love for the first time with girlfriend Camila Cabello, to *V Man*

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Wonder Woman 1984 comes home

The much-anticipated, much-delayed sequel to the 2017 superhero film starring Gal Gadot will finally open on Dec. 25—and you'll also be able to stream it in your jammies on HBO Max.

Next up for Coco: a weekly variety show

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Conan bids farewell to TBS

After 28 years of late-night TV, O'Brien will take his talents to HBO Max once *Conan* wraps its 10th season on TBS in June. "I look forward to a free subscription," he joked.

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Pepsi debuts apple pie soda

The cola brand leaned into this year's nontraditional holiday season by launching Pepsi Apple Pie. We'll have ours à la mode.

Rehabilitators named the bird Rockefeller

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An owl stowed away in the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree

Found two days after the massive tree arrived from Oneonta, N.Y., the tiny saw-whet owl received treatment at a wildlife center after its adventure.

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Spike Lee is making a musical about Viagra

The Oscar winner plans to direct a film about the invention of the little blue pill: It'll be "a dancin', all singin' musical," he teased.

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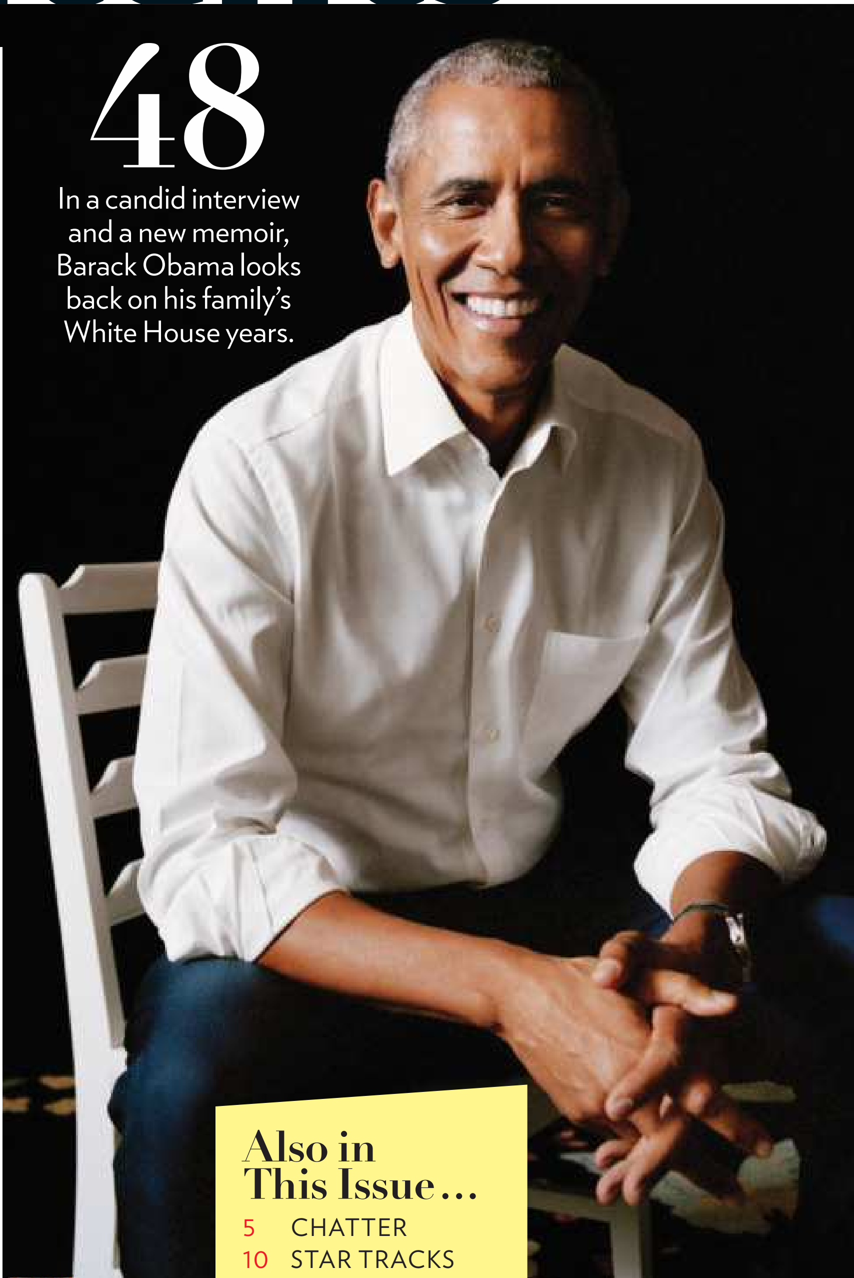

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BEN & ANA GET COZY

New Orleans, Nov. 19

Ben Affleck and girlfriend **Ana de Armas** shared a laugh (and a kiss!) during a break from reshooting scenes for their psychological thriller *Deep Water,* in which they play a married couple.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GOLDIE!

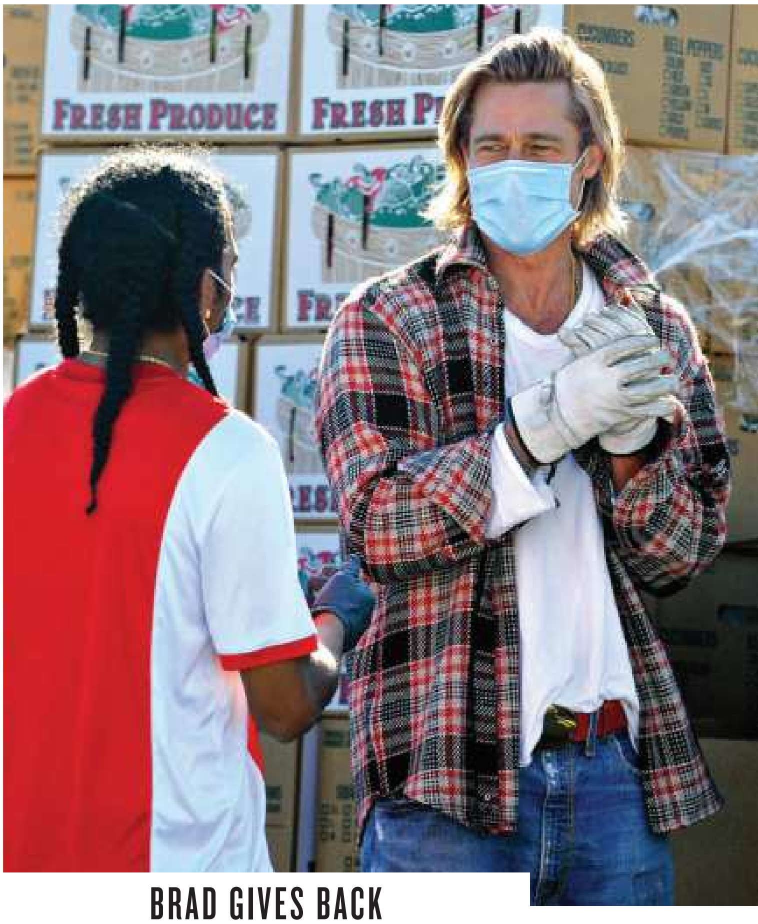
Los Angeles, Nov. 19

Kurt Russell surprised longtime love **Goldie Hawn** with a cake two days before her 75th birthday at Netflix's *The Christmas Chronicles: Part Two* drive-in event.

MODEL BEHAVIOR

Berlin, Nov. 19

Heidi Klum bundled up in a bold, colorful coat to film a new episode of *Germany's Next Topmodel.*



BRAD GIVES BACK

Los Angeles, Nov. 13

Brad Pitt stopped to chat with a volunteer while delivering grocery donations to low-income families ahead of Thanksgiving.

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THE SEXIEST MAN ALIVE, UNMASKED!

Hollywood, Nov. 17

Michael B. Jordan made his debut as *People's* 2020 Sexiest Man Alive on ***Jimmy Kimmel** Live!*

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DATE NIGHT FOR A CAUSE

West Hollywood, Nov. 18

Pro dancers **Maksim Chmerkovskiy** and wife **Peta Murgatroyd** cozied up at the Kiss the Stars Breast Cancer Awareness Cocktail Hour.

ALOHA STATE OF MIND

Hawaii, Nov. 10

While on vacation, **Jay-Z** wore a colorful bucket hat for a morning walk with pals Sean Penn and Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey.

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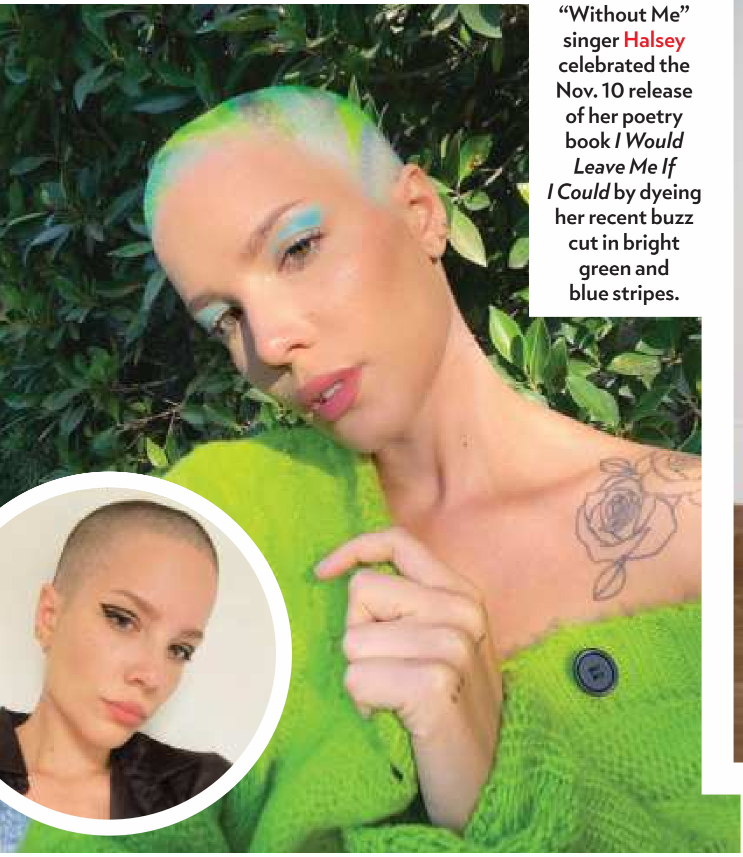
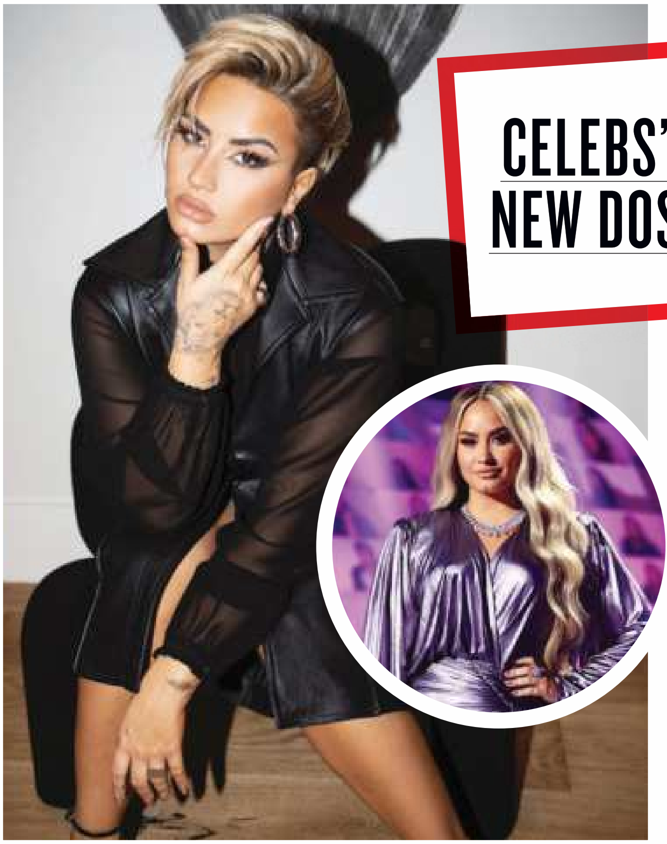
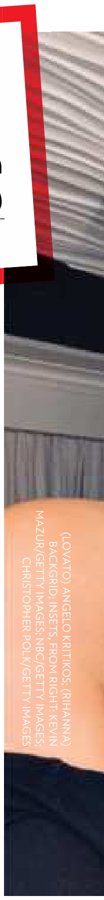


"Without Me" singer **Halsey** celebrated the Nov. 10 release of her poetry book *I Would Leave Me If I Could* by dyeing her recent buzz cut in bright green and blue stripes.



Days after hosting the People's Choice Awards (inset), **Demi Lovato** debuted a blonde Mohawk. "I did a thing…" the pop star wrote on Instagram Nov. 18 of the change.



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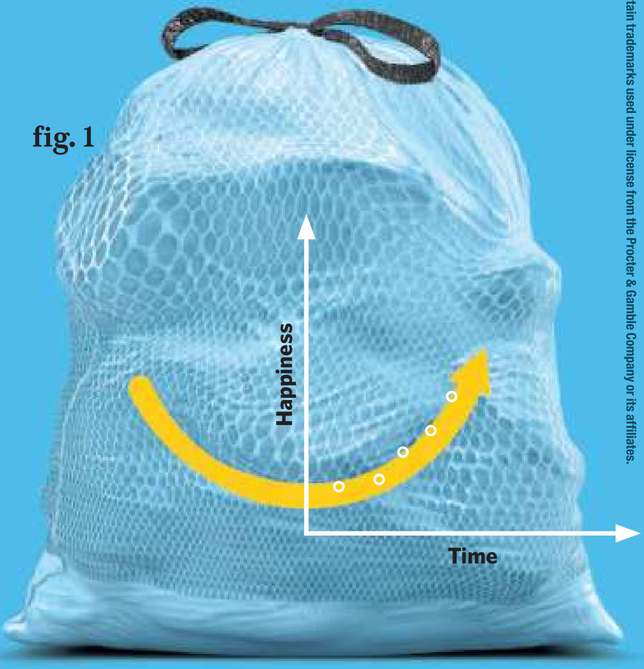

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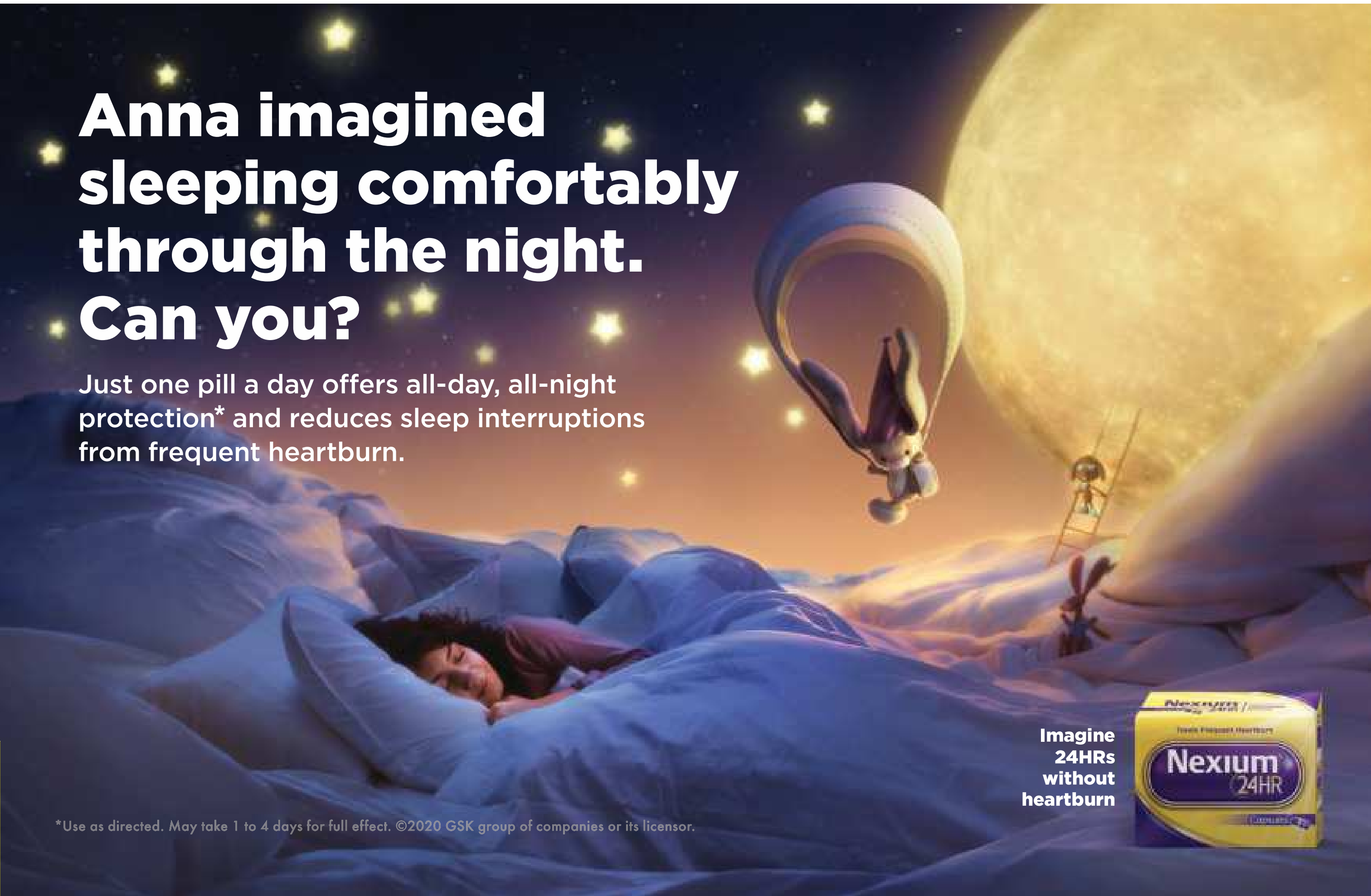
Rihanna brought mullets into the 21st century when she premiered hers while out to dinner Nov. 18 at Italian eatery Giorgio Baldi in Santa Monica.



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Los Angeles, Nov. 17

Happiest Season stars (from left) **Alison Brie, Clea DuVall, Kristen Stewart, Mary Holland** and **Aubrey Plaza** masked up for the drive-in premiere of their gay holiday rom-com.

RICKY RETURNS TO THE STAGE

Miami, Nov. 16

Ricky Martin performed at the Latin Grammy Awards, where he picked up the Best Pop Vocal Album title.

CHRIS & QUEEN REPORT FOR DUTY

New York City, Nov. 18

Chris Noth and **Queen Latifah** shot scenes for CBS's upcoming reboot of *The Equalizer*.

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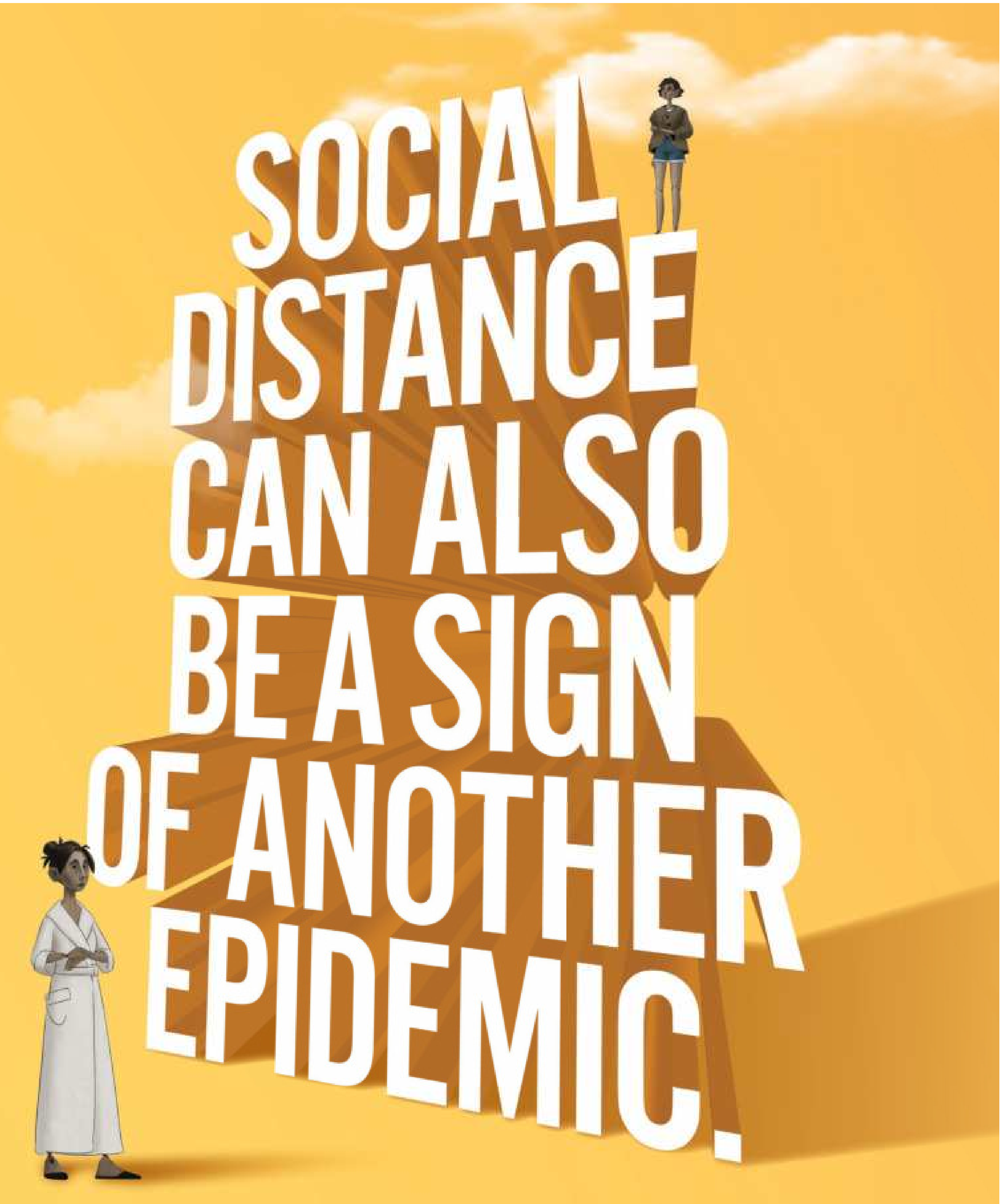
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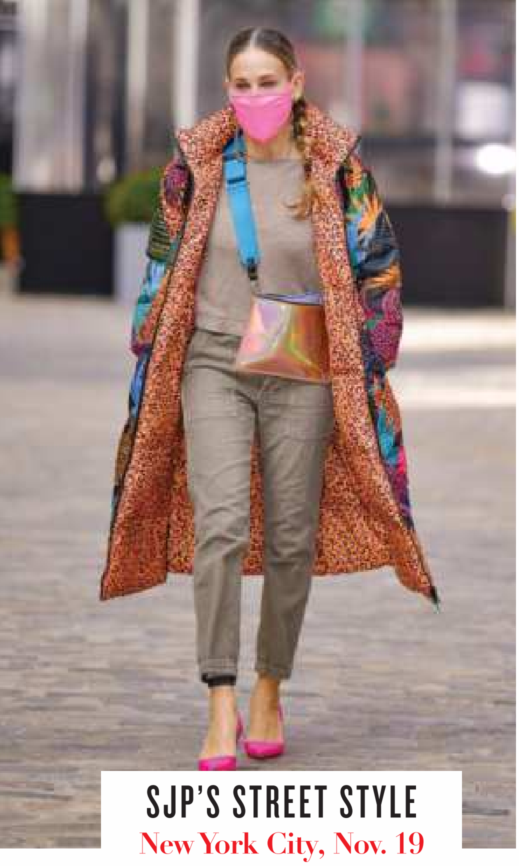
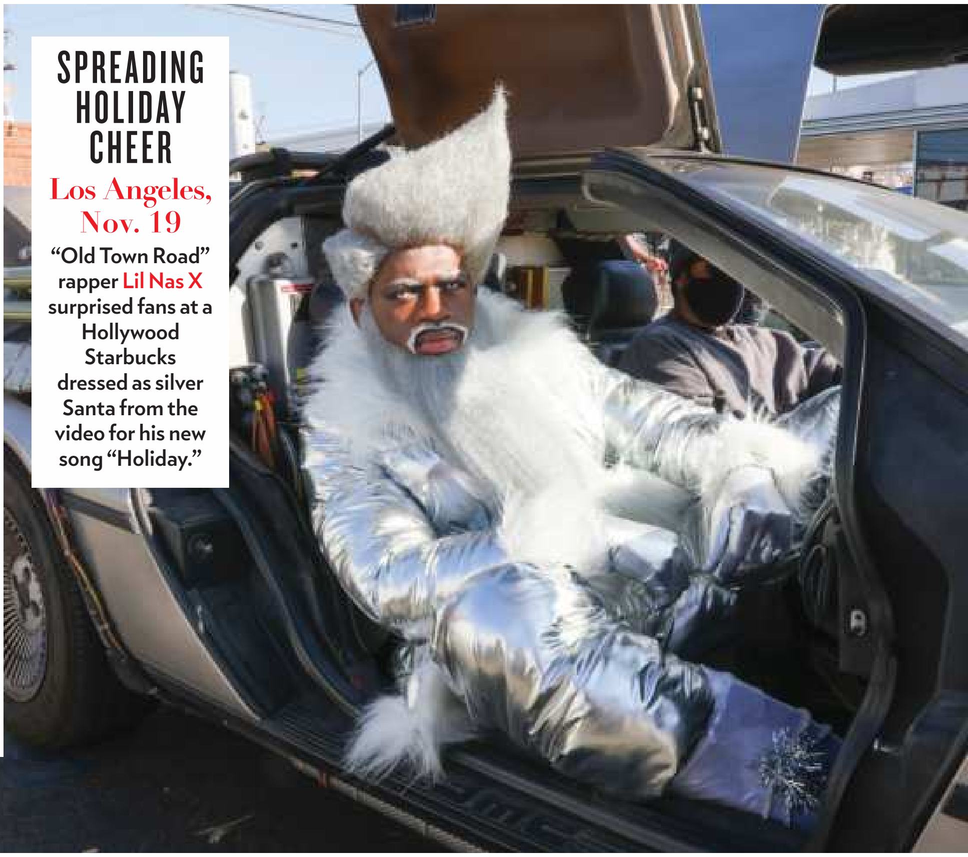


SJP'S STREET STYLE

New York City, Nov. 19

Sarah Jessica Parker matched her face mask to her shoes when the actress visited one of her SJP by Sarah Jessica Parker stores.



SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER

Los Angeles, Nov. 19

"Old Town Road" rapper **Lil Nas X** surprised fans at a Hollywood Starbucks dressed as silver Santa from the video for his new song "Holiday."

FIRST LOOK!

MARRIED AT FIRST SIGHT IS BACK! MEET THE SEASON 12 CAST

The hit Lifetime series—on which spouses are matched by a group of experts—is heading south. Premiering Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. ET, this season features 10 Atlanta-based singles ready to say "I do" to a complete stranger.

Auto broker **Vincent,** 27, hopes 28-year-old **Briana**—an engineer who goes on three dates a week—will embrace his Dominican roots.

Haley, 28, an account executive, is working to overcome trust issues, while **Jacob,** 38, an IT analyst, wants to have kids soon.

Ryan, 29, a project manager, is ready to start a family—but is 27-year-old flight attendant **Clara**?

Divorced pilot **Erik,** 34, wants to find love again with account coordinator **Virginia,** 26.

Accountant **Paige,** 25, tries to break her family's "divorce curse" with finance manager **Chris,** 27.

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Separated Celebrations "I think they are waiting to hear [about government guidelines], just like everyone else," a source says of William and Kate's plans. Right: Meghan and Harry.

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The Royal Family

Apart at Christmas

As the holidays approach, Prince William and Princess Kate and Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are ending the year as they started it: an ocean apart. For Meghan and Harry, this year will mark their first Thanksgiving and Christmas in their new home in Montecito, Calif., where they will celebrate with their 19-month-old son, Archie, and Meghan's mom, Doria Ragland. More than 5,000 miles away, William and Kate may limit Christmas celebrations to their three children, Prince George, 7, Princess Charlotte, 5, and Prince Louis, 2, amid ongoing pandemic restrictions in the U.K. Isolated in the middle, like so many grandparents around the world: Queen Elizabeth, 94, and husband Prince Philip, 99, who just celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary on Nov. 20 and will mark the holiday without the usual festivities. (The annual Christmas lunch at Buckingham Palace has been canceled.) "Christmas is something the Queen has always done with enormous, genuine family style and is facing not doing so, sadly," says royal historian Robert Lacey. Stoic as always, "she is accepting of that," Lacey adds.

Simmering tensions between William, 38, and Harry, 36, continue to contribute to the painful division that was exposed by Harry and Meghan's exit from royal life in March. Since then, "there has been no sign of any reconciliation extended by either side," says Lacey, author of *Battle of Brothers*, which chronicled the princes' discord.

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Going Strong! Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip (on Nov. 17) marked their 73rd anniversary with a card from their great-grandkids (below).

On Remembrance weekend honoring U.K. service members in early November, former army officer Harry was unable to lay a wreath in the U.K., so instead he visited an L.A. cemetery. (In a sign that they won't be returning to Britain anytime soon, the Sussexes are now also loaning their Windsor home, Frogmore Cottage, to Harry's cousin Princess Eugenie and her husband, Jack Brooksbank, who are expecting their first child together.) Harry and Meghan, 39, are opting to focus on their new life far from the palace. "They are very happy," says a source. "Archie is thriving and growing quickly. As a family, they spend hours outside." Archie went trick-or-treating, adds the source, and the family is "excited to decorate for Christmas."

Over in England, Kate's mom, Carole, said that her royal grandchildren will help decorate her tree by choosing where to place ornaments via video call. Sadly for royal watchers, the public will not be mingling with the Queen for her annual Christmas morning walk to church in Sandringham. The deeply religious Elizabeth, who has been quietly attending services at the chapel at Royal Lodge at Windsor—with a lady-in-waiting sitting a safe distance away and a police officer a few pews back—has yet to decide who can join her pending U.K. restrictions. Ironically, for a monarch who famously doesn't like confrontation, the pandemic may have provided "an alibi for Harry and Meghan not being there," Lacey says. "It removes the headache of a snub or not." Given all the upheaval of the past year, "she might want a rest—you never know," quips a former staffer. "She might be happy for the quieter household this year." —SIMON PERRY.

With Pernilla Cedenheim and Monique Jessen

> *'THE CHILDREN MISS THEIR GREAT-GRANNY, BUT IT'S THE SAME RULES FOR THEM AS EVERYONE'*
> *—A SOURCE*

A NEW DIANA CONTROVERSY

The BBC is investigating allegations that host Martin Bashir used unethical tactics to pressure Princess Diana into her bombshell 1995 *Panorama* interview. Prince William called the inquiry "a step in the right direction." As for Harry, says a source, "you do not need a public statement to imagine how he is feeling."

The Real's Jeannie Mai Opens Up About Surviving a Scary Health Crisis

Jeannie Mai is getting back to work after emergency surgery forced her to drop out of *Dancing with the Stars*. On Nov. 1 *The Real* cohost was hospitalized when doctors discovered a rare, potentially life-threatening abscess in her throat that made breathing difficult. "My sore throat turned out to be a strep throat that quickly turned into a parapharyngeal abscess," says Mai, 41, who was diagnosed with epiglottitis. "I was breathing like Darth Vader." The talk show host underwent surgery to successfully remove the abscess, which was blocking her airway. She says she's grateful for her fiancé, rapper Jeezy, 43, who convinced her to go to the ER and supported her throughout her recovery. "He was by my side the entire time," Mai says, "and just really helped me through it all." With her ordeal behind her, Mai will return to her seat at *The Real* table Nov. 24 with a renewed outlook: "I am very thankful to be alive. You really cannot take your health for granted." —NATALIE STONE

On the Mend "The brightest part of the past three weeks was the outpouring of love," says Mai (in the hospital on Nov. 2).

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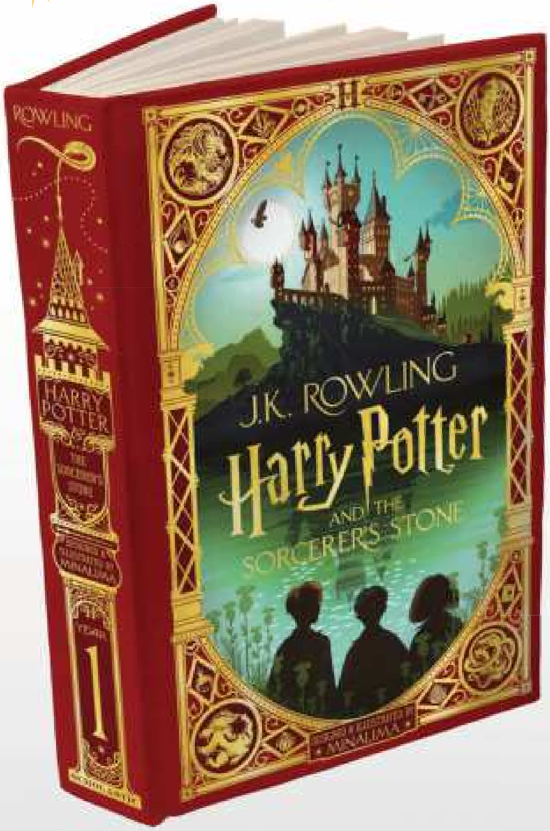
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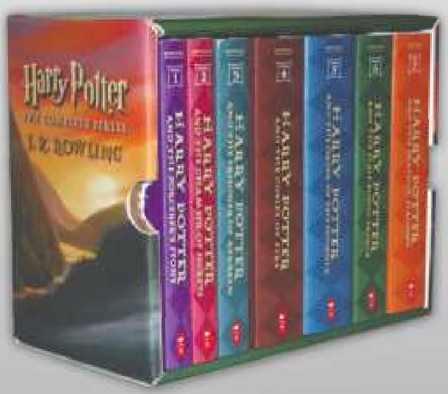
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Heating Up

Ashley Benson & G-Eazy

All's well between the *Pretty Little Liars* actress and the rapper, both 31, who were first spotted kissing in May. "She's a special one," he told *Entertainment Tonight*.

Going Strong

Emma Watson & Leo Robinton

Linked since October 2019, the *Harry Potter* actress, 30, and her American businessman beau enjoyed a coffee date Nov. 18 in London. "They looked really comfortable with one another," says a source.

Happy Anniversary!

Mandy Moore & Taylor Goldsmith

The *This Is Us* actress, 36, and the Dawes frontman, 35 (at their Nov. 19, 2018, wedding), celebrated two years of marriage. "There is no one better," posted Moore. They're expecting their first child early next year.

Getting Serious

Jacob Elordi & Kaia Gerber

Two months after they first sparked romance buzz, the *Euphoria* actor, 23, and the model, 19, are happily coupled up, meeting with friends in West Hollywood on Nov. 18.

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Lori Loughlin & Mossimo Giannulli

Their Lives in Prison

Family Support “They find comfort in each other,” says the Loughlin source of Olivia Jade (left) and Isabella Rose.

Lori Loughlin and her husband, fashion designer Mossimo Giannulli, are now both in jail for their role in last year’s college admissions scandal, but a Loughlin source says it’s the couple’s daughters—YouTube star Olivia Jade, 21, and Isabella Rose, 22—who may be struggling the most. “It’s just a nightmare for them,” says the source. “They were very upset when they said goodbye to Lori. But to have both of their parents now in prison at the same time is very upsetting.”

Full House star Loughlin, 56, reported to FCI-Dublin in Northern California on Oct. 30 to serve a two-month sentence after pleading guilty back in May to conspiracy to commit wire and mail fraud. Then, on Nov. 19, Giannulli, 57, was booked into federal prison in Lompoc, near Santa Barbara, where he’s serving five months on two fraud charges. “They are beyond worried,” the source adds of Olivia and Isabella, who left USC after the revelations that their parents paid $500,000 to get them admitted as fake crew team recruits. “They can’t wait to have their mom home in December, though. They try to focus on this.”

A legal source says that Loughlin is holding up well: “She was a little weepy on her first night there, but she pulled herself together quickly. She hasn’t had any specific problems. No one is bullying her.” She is expected to be released Dec. 28 (though a source says she hopes to go home a few days early, before Christmas) while her husband is slated to be freed in April. For now the legal source, who spoke to Loughlin in jail, says she’s doing the best she can. “She’s using this time to focus on herself, but she’s also interested in hearing the stories of the other inmates. She realizes she’s no better and no worse than any of them. Lori is resolved to finish her sentence with her head held high.”

> **‘THE GUARDS AREN’T TREATING LORI ANY DIFFERENTLY THAN OTHER INMATES’**
> —A LEGAL SOURCE

—**EMILY STROHM** with reporting by **Pernilla Cedenheim** and **Steve Helling**

INSIDE THEIR JAIL STAYS

Before Giannulli reported for his stint in prison, the legal source says he made the decision to switch up his appearance by shaving his head. “Lori actually suggested it to him,” says the source. “He’s trying to simplify everything. Prison life is going to be hard enough for him; he won’t stand out as much with a shaved head; it’s a smart move.” Loughlin’s main concern is COVID-19. “She is very cautious, but she has been healthy. She wears a mask, spends time outdoors and reads.”

Giannulli’s minimum-security prison.

FCI-Dublin, where Loughlin is housed.

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Tiffany Haddish on Her New Love & New Look

The People's Queen On Nov. 15 Haddish took home a People's Choice Award for favorite female movie star. Left: with her boyfriend, singer Common, in January.

Once homeless herself, Tiffany Haddish has gotten behind Vitafusion Gummy Vitamins and WhyHunger's Hungerthon, a Thanksgiving effort to ease hunger. She's also taking care of herself, revealing the keys to her dramatic weight loss and relationship success during the pandemic.

What inspired you to get involved with this year's Hungerthon?

The main thing is, I know what it's like to be hungry. And it's very hard to be joyful when you're hungry. So when I heard about it, I was like, "I'm going to be a part of it." I really wanted to use my platform to help people, because there are a lot of people in our country that are starving.

You struggled with homelessness before your comedy career took off. How did you get through it?

I believed there was going to be a better day, that the things that I was going through were to get me stronger for something greater. That the pain that I was feeling was all to prepare me for success.

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You've dropped 40 lbs. during the pandemic—what's your secret?

I got this thought in my mind that I want the body of Flo-Jo! I've been exercising every day for anywhere from 15 minutes to sometimes two hours. I've been eating way more vegetables, eating directly out of my garden, and just really putting in the work, making sure I sweat every single day.

How has quarantining with your boyfriend, Common, been going?

I'm going to be honest—he's got his house and I've got mine. I go visit maybe three or four days of the week, and then I make sure I go home!

—SCOTT HUVER

Naya Rivera's Ex-Husband Files Suit over 'Dangerous' Lake

Five months after Naya Rivera, 33, drowned during a boat excursion with her son Josey at Lake Piru in Ventura County, Calif., her ex-husband Ryan Dorsey, 37, has filed a wrongful-death lawsuit against local authorities on behalf of their 5-year-old son, claiming the lake lacked safety warnings and the rental boat "was not equipped with a safely accessible ladder, adequate rope, an anchor, a radio or any security mechanisms to prevent swimmers from being separated from their boats." The suit also details Josey's ordeal, stating, "Josey knew Naya was still in the water, and heard her cry, 'Help! Help!' in her struggle to get back to the boat." County authorities have not yet responded. —MIA McNIECE

Focusing on Family Dorsey (with Rivera in a 2019 Instagram post) is now raising Josey with Rivera's sister Nickayla, 26.

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Lacey Chabert

From Mean Girl to Hallmark Queen

People weekly
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Teenage Dream Far left: Chabert appeared on the cover of *People* with her *Party of Five* costars. Left: In *Mean Girls* with Lindsay Lohan, Amanda Seyfried and Rachel McAdams.

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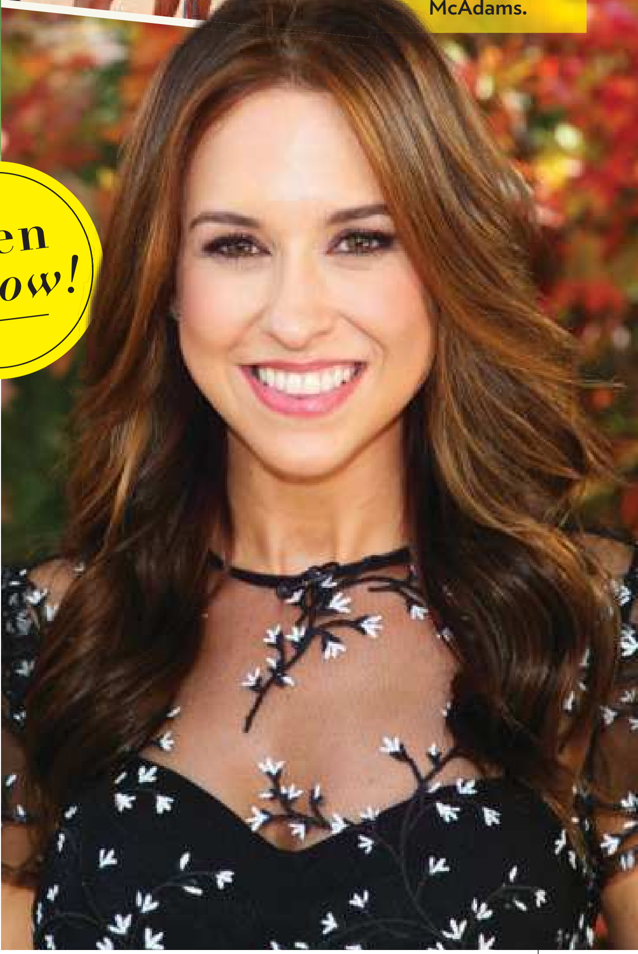

It's been 16 years since Lacey Chabert played gossipy Gretchen Wieners in the hit teen comedy *Mean Girls,* but fans still approach her to say, "That's so fetch," her most famous line from the movie. "I had no idea we'd be talking about it the way we are now all these years later," says Chabert, 38. "Everyone in the film is so talented. The hardest part was not laughing in the middle of a scene." Chabert, who got her start in acting on *All My Children* and costarred on the '90s series *Party of Five* as a teen, has a new fan at home: Her daughter Julia, 4, with husband David Nehdar, recently saw the "Jingle Bell Rock" scene of the movie when it played on TV. "I came home from work, and she goes, 'Mom, I know that your name is Gretchen Wieners.' I laughed, then quickly checked in with my husband to make sure she hadn't seen the whole thing!" says the actress. Over the past decade Chabert has become a TV staple: She's been in 18 Hallmark Channel movies and has two more Christmas features coming this season (*Christmas Waltz* on Nov. 28 and *Time for Us to Come Home for Christmas* on Dec. 5). "People always ask me why I do so many Hallmark movies," she says. "More than ever, we need some light and love brought into the world." —JEFF NELSON

> 'MY DAD ASKED ME, "HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOU'LL DO THIS?" I'VE ACTED SINCE I WAS 7. I'M A LIFER!'

Feeling Grateful "It's important our kids understand the importance of helping people," says Union (with Wade and their daughters Kaavia and Zaya).

Gabrielle Union on Changing Up Her Family's Holiday Traditions

The actress, 48, is teaming up with AmazonSmile to give to organizations like the Women's Center for Advancement, an Omaha charity that supports people experiencing domestic violence.

Why was it important for you to choose female-focused charities?
Both my husband [retired NBA star Dwyane Wade] and I got to where we are with the kindness of strangers. As a rape survivor myself, I know what these women are going through and what they need. We want to provide that support.

What do you have planned for the holidays this year?
Our celebrations will be much more intimate than we're used to, but whether it's 100 people or five, as long as we're together and there's a glazed ham we are very content.

Have you passed on any traditions to your kids, Zaire, 18, Zaya, 13, Xavier, 7, and Kaavia, 2?
It's been a tradition since I was little to sing along to the entire original Broadway album of *Dreamgirls* with my family, and Dwyane wants to expand that to include *Hamilton.* We'll see how that goes! —TOPHER GAUK-ROGER

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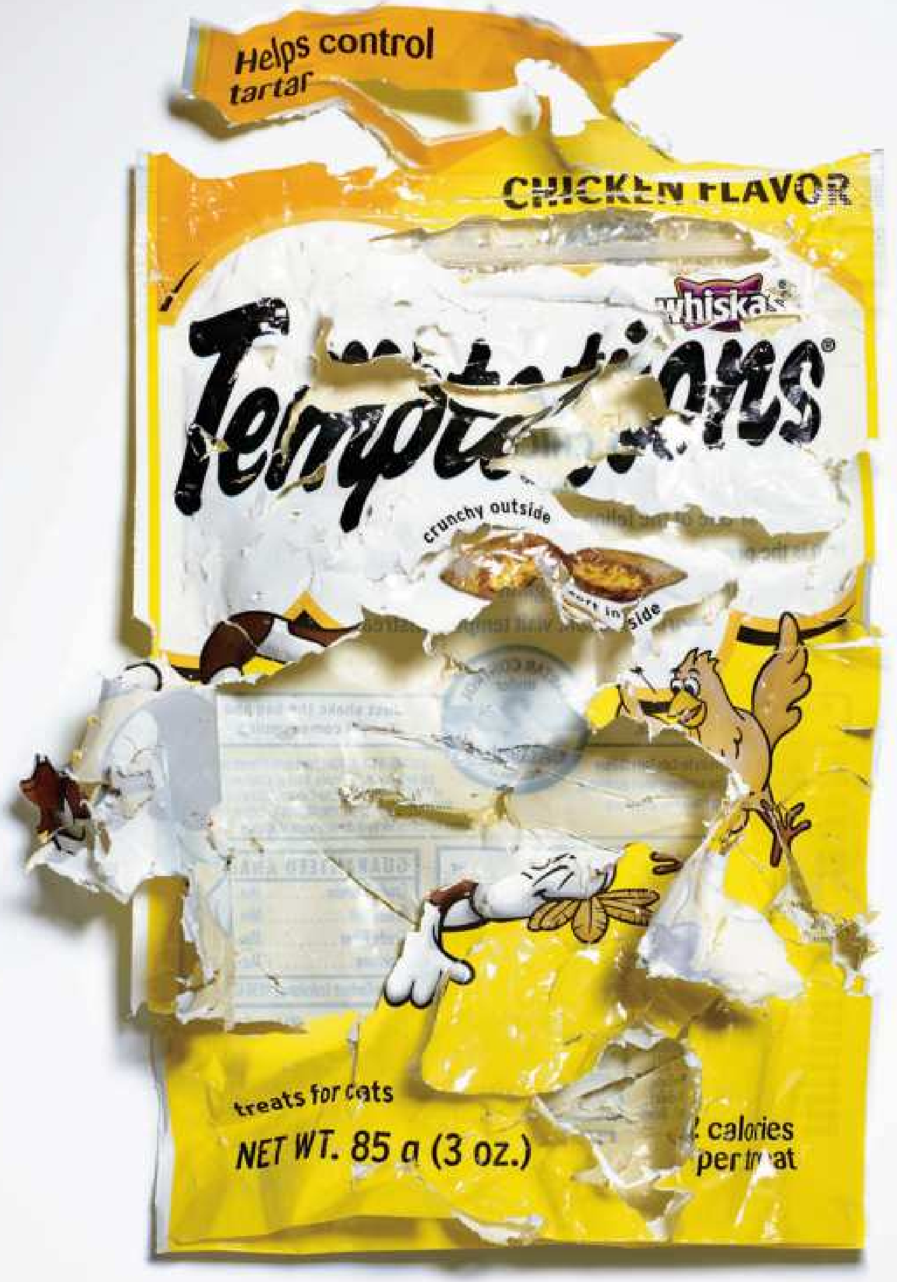
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Rescue pup finds his forever home—and pays it forward on the road

ON THE ROAD, U.S.A.

In May 2018 Henry Friedman and his brother Elias set off on a cross-country road trip to deliver Finn, a 3-month-old rescue dog from Puerto Rico, to his new family in Southern California. Henry, 30, had recently left a career in advertising and was living in a converted cargo van, but when the pup's adoptive family backed out, he decided to take Finn on the road with him. "He turned out to be a really good travel dog, and we just got really close," says Henry, who began posting photos of their travels on Instagram (@keepingFinn), where the intrepid pair now have more than 188,000 followers. In August 2019 he started using the platform to raise money for animal rescues around the country, donating $150,000 to date. He and Finn—now a 50-lb., 2-year-old "super mutt"—have also helped more than 60 dogs find forever homes. "We bring dogs on the road with us and find them families," says Henry. "Finn has turned my life around; I wanted to return the favor and give back to the rescue community."

"He's living his best life. That makes me really happy," says Henry (in his van with Finn and, below, from left, in Utah, Canada and Arizona).

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Twins deliver baby girls at the same hospital—on their birthday

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Amber Tramontana and Autum Shaw, both nurse practitioners, have always done things together. But on Oct. 29 the twin sisters gave new meaning to that idea when they both gave birth to baby girls within 90 minutes of each other—at the same hospital, on their 33rd birthday. "You couldn't have planned this," says Autum, who had Charleston at 4:38 p.m. Adds Amber, who gave birth to Blakely at 6:04 p.m.: "It's the birthday present that will keep getting sweeter—year after year."

"God blessed us in a way that we could have never imagined," says Amber (left, with Blakely). Inset: Blakely (left) and Charleston.

By **JOELLE GOLDSTEIN** *and* **WENDY GROSSMAN KANTOR**

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Paula Pell (left) and Janine Brito

Weddings

Comedian and writer **Paula Pell,** 57, married fellow comedian **Janine Brito,** 37, in a small outdoor ceremony after the two got engaged in August 2018. "It was a sparkling day full of hastily purchased clothes from Target and joy tears," Pell wrote on Instagram.

Health

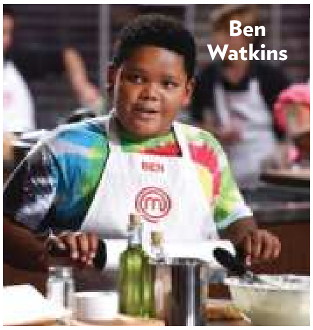
Former Miss Universe **Olivia Culpo,** 28, announced she had undergone surgery for ongoing complications due to endometriosis, a painful condition that causes uterine lining to grow outside the uterus. ● **Dolly Parton,** 74, confirmed that her $1 million donation in April helped partially fund pharmaceutical company Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine research. The donation was made to Vanderbilt University Medical Center to create the Dolly Parton COVID-19 Research Fund and earmarked for ongoing research efforts. "I'm just happy that anything I do can help somebody else," she said. ● Little Mix singer **Jesy Nelson,** 29, is taking "extended time off" from the group for "private medical reasons," a rep for the British girl group announced.

Babies

LANCO bandmates, bassist **Chandler Baldwin,** 28, and drummer **Tripp Howell,** 31, are both expecting their first children with their respective wives, **Natalie,** 30, and **Alli,** 31. "It's been nice to have close friends to navigate all of this with," Baldwin tells *People*.

Deaths

Former fan favorite *MasterChef Junior* contestant **Ben Watkins** died at 14 of angiomatoid fibrous histiocytoma, an extremely rare soft-tissue tumor he was diagnosed with just days before his 13th birthday. ● **Bobby Brown Jr.,** singer Bobby Brown's son, died at 28 after experiencing flu-like symptoms, his family announced. "There are no words to explain the pain," Brown said in a statement.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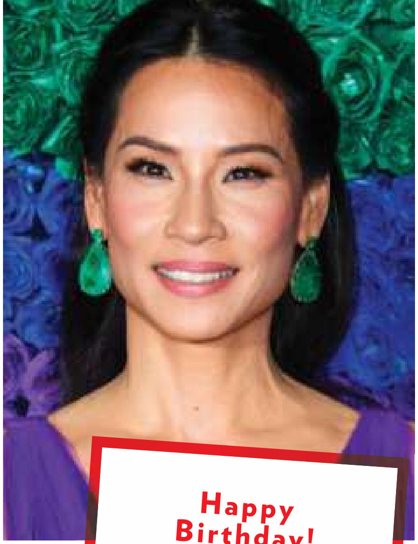

Happy Birthday!

Lucy Liu, 52
Dec. 2, 1968
Zoë Kravitz, 32
Dec. 1, 1988
Julianne Moore, 60
Dec. 3, 1960

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Matt Bomer

Why I Care
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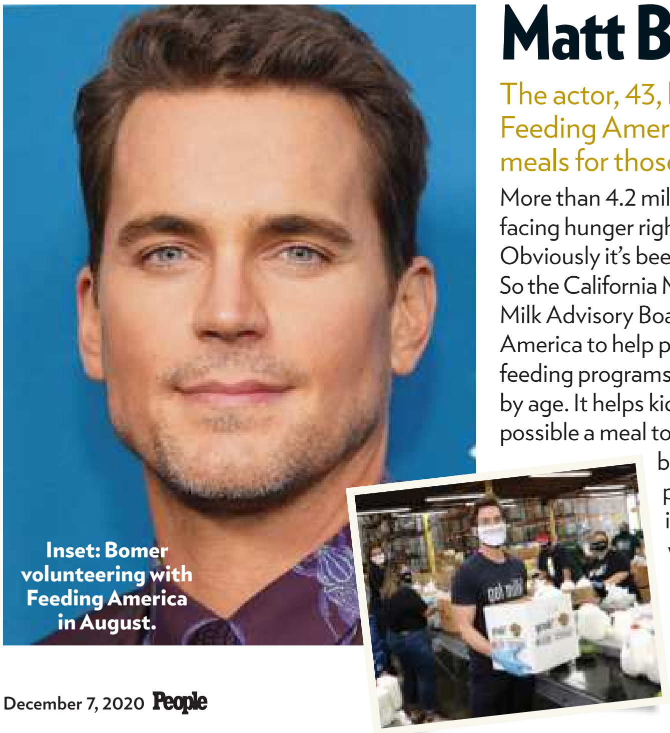
The actor, 43, has teamed up with Feeding America to help provide meals for those in need

More than 4.2 million people in California are facing hunger right now, and that number is rising. Obviously it's been hugely impacted by COVID-19. So the California Milk Processor Board and California Milk Advisory Board have partnered with Feeding America to help provide 1 million meals and 1 million servings of milk to feeding programs throughout California. The nonprofit group doesn't discriminate by age. It helps kids and grown-ups and is about getting every hungry person possible a meal to eat. I've spent time volunteering with them and was blown away by the generosity of spirit among the volunteers. The fact that these people are out there risking their lives every day to make sure those in need are fed, it's really moving. There was something about the work that I found personally fulfilling, and I've already committed to coming back for the holidays.

—*Reported by* MIA McNIECE

For more information, go to **feedingamerica.org**


Inset: Bomer volunteering with Feeding America in August.

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Davis (center) as the real-life Rainey, known as the Mother of the Blues. Boseman (inset) plays one of her musicians.

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MOVIES | Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

Viola Davis and Chadwick Boseman give powerhouse performances

DRAMA "White folk don't understand about the blues," says Ma Rainey (Viola Davis) in this sensationally well-acted adaptation of August Wilson's 1982 play. "They hear it come out, but they don't know how it got there. They don't understand that that's life's way of talking. You don't sing to feel better. You sing 'cause that's a way of understanding life." As played by Davis, this legendary performer (1899-1933) is the mythic embodiment of the blues and Black American experience. The film, which takes place over a few hours on a single day in 1927, imagines Ma in a Chicago studio. She and her band are going to record a handful of songs for the label she despises. Her eyes so roughly darkened with mascara they look bruised, Ma is imperious, scornful, bitter, wise, fully aware what her music means to her—everything—and cynical about what it means to the white men recording it: money. There are so many layers to Ma you can scarcely comprehend them, but they're all contained within Davis's simmering yet monumental performance (she won Supporting Actress for another Wilson adaptation, 2016's *Fences*). *Ma Rainey* also marks the last film of *Black Panther* star Chadwick Boseman, who died of cancer this year at 43. He gives a feverishly intense performance as Ma's horn player Levee, who wants to liven up her music. In the context of *Ma Rainey,* this is a betrayal and, in a sense, a tragedy. *(In theaters, R; launches on Netflix Dec. 18)*

> 'Ma is imperious, scornful, bitter, wise, fully aware what her music means to her—everything'

LIFETIME | A Sugar & Spice Holiday

COMEDY Lifetime's first Christmas movie with an Asian-American cast, this is the tale of a busy architect (Jacky Lai) caught up in a holiday baking competition. She gleans valuable lessons. "Life," we are told, "is too short to eat stale cookies." True! *(Dec. 13, 8 p.m.)*

NETFLIX | Dolly Parton's Christmas on the Square

MUSICAL Parton couldn't be busier if she were delivering packages for both Santa Claus and Amazon. She's got a holiday record, *A Holly Dolly Christmas,* a tie-in CBS special and this Netflix film, for which she wrote the songs. It's a *Christmas Carol* type of story, with Christine Baranski as the Scrooge and Parton, looking like the world's biggest tree ornament, as an angel out to reform her. She gives herself a lovely ballad about lighting lamps against the dark. *(Streaming now)*

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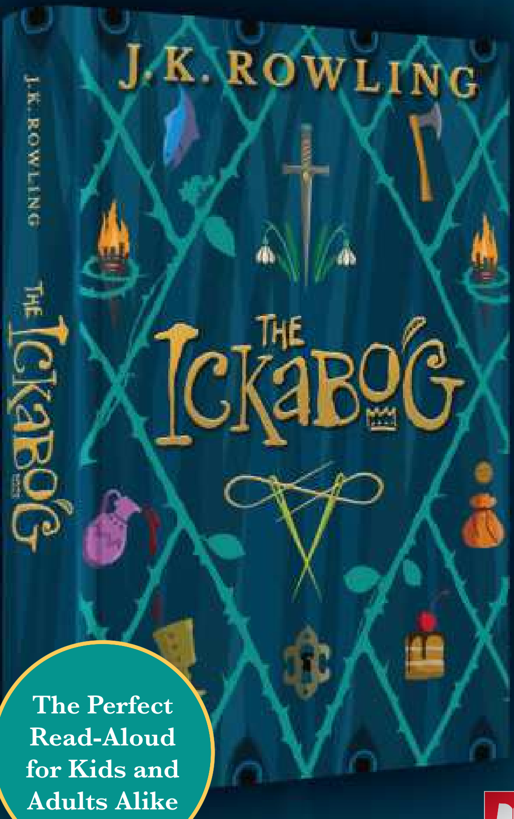

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HBO MAX | Superintelligence

Melissa McCarthy matches wits with a computer

COMEDY McCarthy employs her singular strength as a star—she's sweetly, enchantingly human—to play Carol Peters, a run-of-the-mill woman trying (struggling) to be as pleasant as possible when confronted with the apocalypse. An overweening AI brain (voiced by James Corden), weighing whether to destroy civilization and deciding it would be best to study humankind first, chooses her as his subject. Lucky AI: This is a superior comedic intelligence. *(Launches Nov. 26)*

Bobby Cannavale plays McCarthy's former boyfriend.

Dash & Lily's Midori Francis

The New Jersey native, 26, says landing the role of spirited Lily in the Netflix rom-com hit was a "match made in heaven"—she and the character share a love of the holidays. "My family and I sing Christmas carols every year," says Francis, who's Japanese-American. "We start with my aunt doing like an opera version of 'Silent Night,' but then it quickly devolves into everyone drinking red wine and singing Bruce Springsteen or Elton John."

—KAREN MIZOGUCHI

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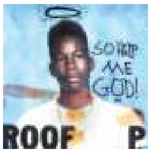
ABC | The Disney Holiday Singalong

It's the time of year for roasting chestnuts—and singing them too. Katy Perry, Michael Bublé and Ciara are among the stars performing holiday classics in this special. And, yes, the lyrics will be on home screens, so get ready to *fa la la la la. (Nov. 30, 8 p.m.)*

MUSIC | 2 Chainz, *So Help Me God!*

RAP The prolific Atlanta rapper has quietly become one of hip-hop's most dependable artists, and his sixth studio album continues the streak. Here he moderates his punch-line humor with trenchant rhyming and an eclectic but cohesive set of beats. *(Available now)*



Q&A

Andrew Zimmern

The 59-year-old culinary expert (Bizarre Foods) *hosts* Family Dinner, *premiering early next year on Chip and Joanna Gaines's new Magnolia Network.*

You've already shot the show about Americans coming together at mealtime. How'd it all go?
We found some incredible families who have not only unique traditions but traditions that everybody could relate to.

On Family Dinner.

What's it like working with Chip and Joanna?
They're hands-on, but they trusted us to do our thing.

Any holiday traditions?
I'm the person who normally would want to have 100 people at my house. The holidays are going to be different this year, but even if it's just me and my son [Noah, 15], I'm going to roast a small turkey over an open fire.

—EMILY STROHM

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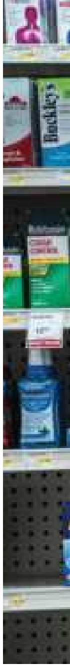

Kiera Allen (left) and Sarah Paulson.

HULU | Run

Mother, may I ...get as far away from you as possible?

THRILLER Teenager Chloe (Kiera Allen), hobbled and housebound by illness since childhood, is cared for by her indefatigably devoted, pill-dispensing mother (*Ratched*'s Sarah Paulson, hair hanging down in a limp curtain). It's a quietly challenging existence that—in the blink of an eye—turns into outright hell: Chloe discovers that Mommy has added a mysterious new drug called trigoxin to her daily doses. A mean, jumpy little thriller—highly recommended for people already sick of the holidays. *(Streaming now)*

Beauty finds a friend (Mackenzie Foy).

DISNEY+ | Black Beauty

A mustang with great spirit but not much horse sense

FAMILY Here's a story with legs: First published in Great Britain in 1877, *Beauty* has been adapted for movies and TV at least 10 times (there was a film as early as 1921). This latest *Beauty* is about a spirited American mustang who carelessly wanders away from her mother. Captured by humans, she suffers through more misadventures than BoJack Horseman. Kate Winslet, narrating as Beauty's voice, hits just the right notes of fear, gumption and tenderness. *(Launches Nov. 27)*

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The Best New Books

A mother's anguished memoir, a lover's fateful decision and tales of family fun from the Pioneer Woman

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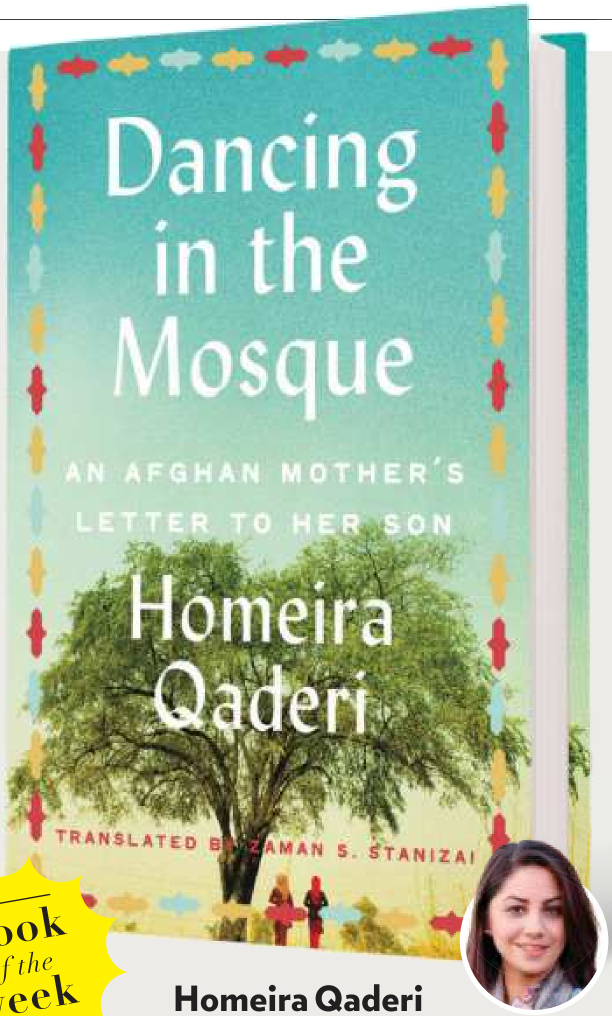
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AN AFGHAN MOTHER'S LETTER TO HER SON
Homeira Qaderi
TRANSLATED BY ZAMAN S. STANIZAI

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Homeira Qaderi

Dancing in the Mosque

MEMOIR

An Afghan women's rights activist shares the sweeping story of her life, from growing up in war-torn Afghanistan to coming of age during the rise of the misogynist Taliban and ultimately becoming a professor and writer in the United States. Weaving together memories and bittersweet letters to the son she was forced to leave behind, Qaderi reflects on gender, displacement, tradition and loss. A heartrending, indelible tale.

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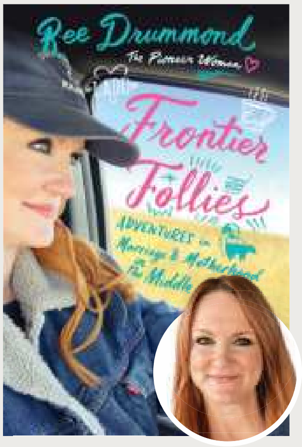
Here Is the Beehive

NOVEL

What happens if your secret, married lover suddenly dies? For Ana the isolation is so unbearable that when her role as Connor's attorney opens a door into his other life, she enters, ignoring the emotional risks. Told in verse, this story of obsession and illicit love reads like a thriller.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ESSAYS

In her memoir *The Pioneer Woman,* the Food Network star detailed her city-girl romance with a sexy cowboy who lured her to his ranch. Now she's back with a collection of stories about their raucous life there with four kids. Filled with candor and self-deprecating wit, it's a charmer.

New in Paperback

Douglas Stuart

Shuggie Bain

In this Booker Prize-winning portrait of a working-class family in 1980s Scotland, mom Agnes is an alcoholic with a flair for glamour; son Shuggie is struggling to fit in.

Demi Moore

Inside Out

The star shares her journey in a raw memoir. With gripping candor, she acknowledges her own mistakes and struggles, including her divorces and addiction issues.

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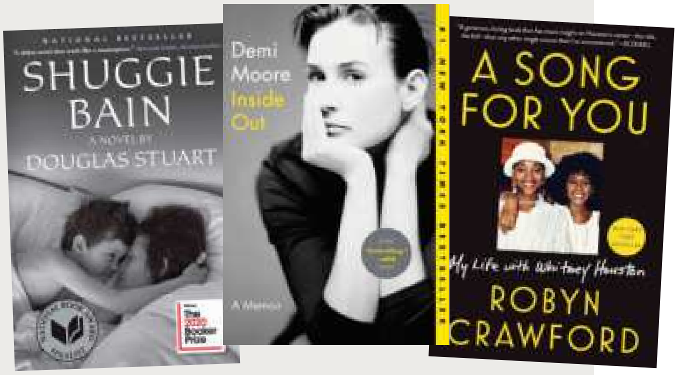
A Song for You

Whitney Houston's childhood best friend reveals her secret love affair with the woman she knew as "Nippy"—and details Houston's doomed battles with drugs and fame.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‘A More Personal Story’

In his memoir, Obama (in Washington on Nov. 17) writes that he finds hope for the future in the resilience of his family—and the nation.

BARACK OBAMA

‘I’d Have Given It All Up for My Family’

THE FORMER PRESIDENT OPENS UP ABOUT HIS WORRIES AS A FATHER, THE STRAIN OF THE WHITE HOUSE ON HIS MARRIAGE—AND HOW HE AND MICHELLE FOUND THEIR WAY BACK TO ‘DEEP LOVE... AND GOOFING OFF’

By **SANDRA SOBIERAJ WESTFALL**

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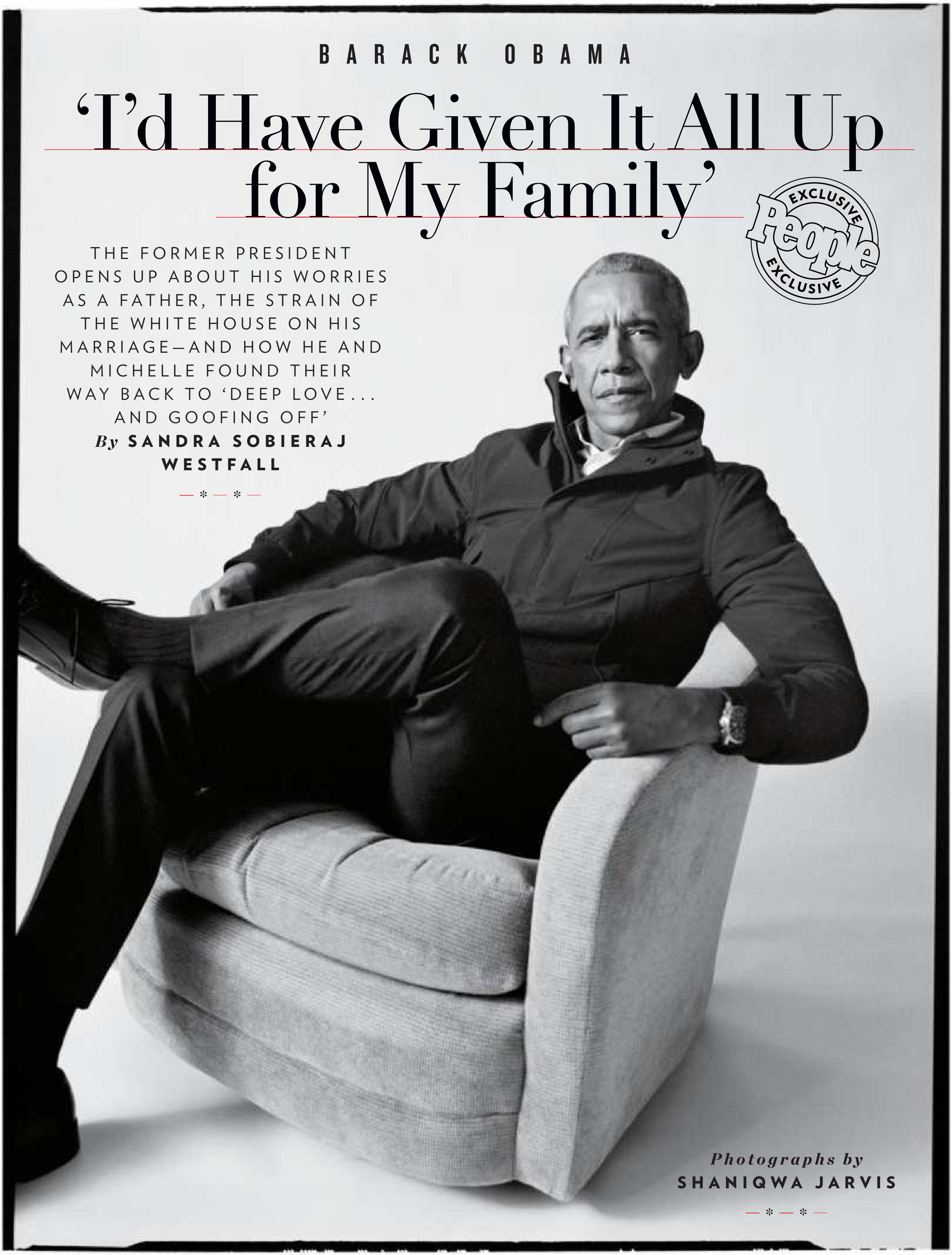

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PROP STYLIST: ACHEBE/VENN FREDERIC

There's no "Hail to the Chief" and no vanguard of Secret Service agents when Barack Obama, paper cup of tea in hand, strolls (his "Hawaiian walk," Michelle calls it) into the sleekly modern lobby of his office suite in Washington, D.C. "I'm naturally casual," he says with a grin. Once too busy, too restless to sit still for long with reporters and photographers, the 44th President of the United States settles in for a chat with People *about his new memoir,* A Promised Land *(the 768-page volume 1 only; volume 2 is already underway), and quarantine life at home with Michelle and their daughters. "This is easier than sitting in the Situation Room for two hours," he says as the interview, his most unguarded ever, stretches past one hour. Malia, 22, and Sasha, 19, have been home—remotely attending classes at Harvard and the University of Michigan, respectively—since March. And while he thinks they might be feeling "cabin fever" as the COVID-19 pandemic only intensifies, Obama, 59, counts his blessings that the foursome is healthy and together. As* A Promised Land *makes clear, that outcome wasn't always a given. Along with revisiting accomplishments (the Affordable Care Act) and crises (the BP oil spill)—plus revealing fun trivia (he's a martini drinker!)—the book takes a deep dive into his family's experience of White House life. Most intimately, Obama reckons with his part in Michelle's "loneliness" in their marriage and, as he writes, the "undercurrent of tension in her" during those eight years at the pinnacle of politics, the blood sport she always hated. "We came out whole," Obama tells* People *in the conversation, condensed here for space (see the full video interview on people.com). "It was like a big exhale right after we left office."*

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How were the early reviews of your book at home?
The girls haven't read it. You're never a prophet in your own land. A healthy thing about our family is that the girls took their cues from Michelle: Fine, Daddy's the President, but we've got other stuff going on here too. They've got better things to do than listen to Dad bloviate. [*Laughs*]

And Michelle?

Promises Kept
Obama grew up without his father and vowed to do worlds better for Sasha (center) and Malia (right, in June 2019). "We have the relationship I had hoped for," he says.

For Better or for Worse...

'I Do' in 1992
"In those early years," Obama writes, his and Michelle's "arguments could be fierce. As cocksure as I could be, she never gave ground.... The weird thing was, I liked that about her; how she constantly challenged me and kept me honest."

I think she's pleased that, in big chunks of the book, I recognized that she put up with me more than, maybe, I deserved! She probably feels it'll be a balanced perspective on all the sacrifices that she made to make the Presidency possible.

You write candidly about the tensions between you—and within her—concluding with this: "There were nights when lying next to Michelle in the dark, I'd think about those days when everything between us felt lighter, when her smile was more constant and our love less encumbered, and my heart would suddenly tighten at the thought that those days might not return."
That was the truth of our time in the White House. Michelle very much believed in the work I did but was less optimistic about what I could get done. And she confessed that one reason she agreed for me to run for President was she figured I'd lose.

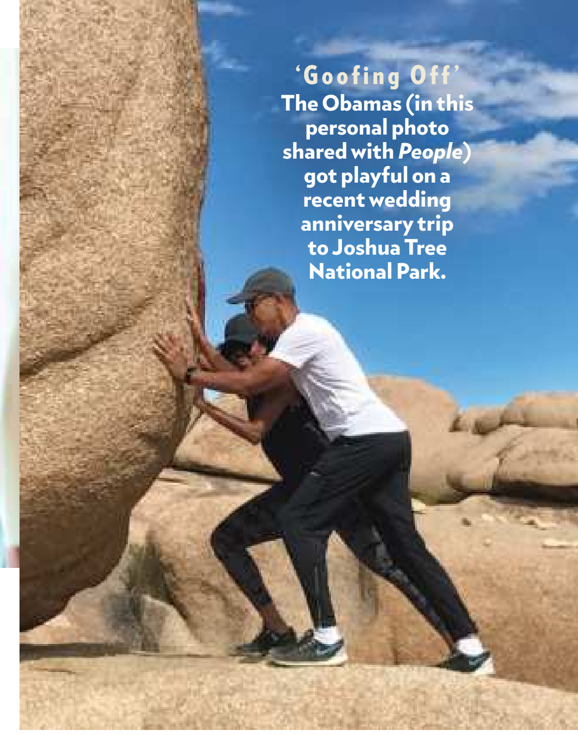
She's more skeptical about politics and more mindful of the sacrifices to the family. I think we came out of it whole. There were great joys in the White House. There was never a time where we didn't recognize what an extraordinary privilege it was to be there. But during the time we were there, Michelle felt the pressure, stress, of needing to get everything right, to be on at every moment. She's somebody who wants to do everything just so. I tend to be, "Uh, that'll be fine." And I worry a little bit less—just temperamentally. It was harder on her in many ways, even though, obviously, the natures of our responsibilities were different.

Did you get back to that place you feared was gone?
We did. There were times [in the White House] where I think she was frustrated or sad or angry but knew that I had Afghanistan or the financial crisis to worry about, so she would tamp it down.

(RED ROOM, OFFICE, COLUMNS) PETE SOUZA/THE WHITE HOUSE(3); (FAMILY) PETE SOUZA; (BOULDER) COURTESY OBAMA FAMILY; (CONFETTI) SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES; (KISS) FROM BARACK BEFORE OBAMA BY DAVID KATZ. ECCO, 2020.

The Life She Didn't Want
Michelle (after the 2004 DNC keynote that made then-state senator Obama a national star) hated how politics "exposed our family to constant scrutiny and attacks," he writes.

When Things 'Really Did Feel Fine'
Michelle (in March 2009) stopped talking to him about her unhappiness, he writes, and there'd be "evenings when the two of us snuggled under a blanket" to watch TV.



'Goofing Off'
The Obamas (in this personal photo shared with *People*) got playful on a recent wedding anniversary trip to Joshua Tree National Park.

'The Work I Loved'

Washington-Bound
After Election Night 2004 ("The girls were more enthralled by the confetti," Obama writes), he went to the U.S. Senate while his family stayed home in Chicago.

Seat of Power
"I spent most of eight years in that room," Obama (in 2009) writes. The lights never went out in the Oval Office, "reminding me of the privilege of my burdens and duties."

'One-Minute Commute' Home
It was a quick walk to dinner with the family, but Obama (in 2011) would then work late into the night in the residence's Treaty Room.

Once [the Presidency] was done, there was the possibility of her opening up about how she felt. [And] just being able to let out a breath. You know the old adage "If Mom's happy, everybody's happy"? [*Laughs*] It very much applies in our household.

She has been more relaxed and joyful. That allowed us to just enjoy the deep love that comes with a marriage this long. But also to be friends again. Some of that comes from the kids getting older. In the same way that she worried about wanting to be a great First Lady, which she was, she wanted to be a really excellent mom, which she also was. Now that they've turned out pretty good, we laugh and goof off and have more time with each other.

What is quarantine life like in the Obama house?
Like a lot of families who are lucky not to have to worry about losing a job, or a family member getting sick, there are times where it's felt claustrophobic. But for Michelle and me to have this bonus time where your kids are at dinner with you every night and we're watching movies—there's been a lot of joy to that. What's been wonderful is seeing Malia and Sasha become great friends.

We know from the book that Michelle likes romantic comedies and you like movies where "terrible things happen to people and then they die"—
[*Laughs*] That's how she characterizes it, anyway.
—so how does that work when you're stuck home in quarantine?
We've retreated to our respective corners. She's got her HGTV and Food Channel stuff, and I've got my basketball games. There are things we both enjoy. Like the latest season of *The Crown*.

Michelle was able to take up an entirely new skill. I told her the other day, "It's weird how good you've become at knitting." You expect, if somebody's just

Now He Tells Us

OBAMA'S BOOK REVEALS WHAT WAS REALLY GOING ON IN KEY SCENES FROM HIS PRESIDENCY

Secretly Bracing for a Terrorist Attack

The night before his January 2009 Inauguration, Obama was briefed on a "credible" plot against the ceremony. He asked speechwriter David Axelrod to create evacuation instructions to give the crowd and secretly carried them in his breast pocket. "I hadn't even told Michelle, not wanting to add to the day's stress."

Doom to Start Each Day

"I would find a leather binder waiting for me at the breakfast table. Michelle called it 'The Death, Destruction and Horrible Things Book,' though officially it was known as the President's Daily Brief, or PDB. Top secret… Nearly always there was mention of potential terror plots."

Resisting Gifts from the Saudi King

Visiting King Abdullah (in 2009), Obama found a box in his villa that held "a necklace half the length of a bicycle chain, encrusted with what appeared to be hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of rubies and diamonds—with a matching ring and earrings…. Apparently, nobody told the Saudis about our prohibition on gifts."

Confronting the VIP Heckler

When GOP representative Joe Wilson shouted "You lie!" in the middle of Obama's 2009 health care address to a joint session of Congress, "I was tempted to exit my perch, make my way down the aisle and smack the guy in the head."

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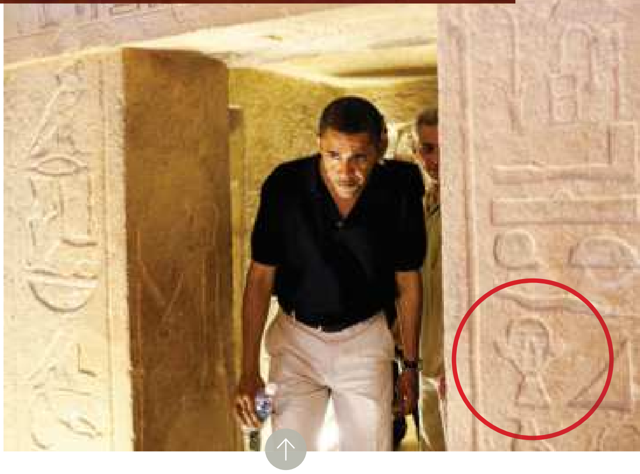
When Obama and body man Reggie Love coached Sasha's basketball team, parents from a rival team complained that the VIP duo wasn't training other kids too. "'They must think [it's] something they can put on a Harvard application,' Reggie scoffed. I decided it would be simpler… if I went back to just being a fan."



Facing Mortality in Egypt's Pyramids

Obama (in 2009) found a carving on the temple wall: "long, oval face. Prominent ears sticking out like handles. A cartoon of me…. I stood at the wall for an extra beat, trying to imagine the life behind that etching… all long turned to dust…. Just as I and all those I loved would someday turn to dust."

taught themselves to knit, then maybe they work their way up to a scarf. But she plowed through the scarf thing in a month and now suddenly there's halter tops and hats and mittens. I'm astonished! She made me two ski caps, a gray one and a black one. She can crank those out in, like, two days! So she has learned new skills while I have not.

You write about making a promise to yourself that, unlike the experience you had with an absent father, your children would really *know* you. How do you think you've done?

I think I did a pretty good job—with the great assistance of Michelle, who would always pull me back if my head was off somewhere else. Probably the time when I felt I was not fulfilling that promise as well as I wanted to was during the campaign, where I might not get home for a week. [At] the White House you live above the store. I could be home by 6:30 and have dinner and listen to them talk about homework and boys and teachers and the dance rehearsals, and read to them before they decided that they were too old for me to read to them. The White House, ironically, gave me the ability to be there in a fairly constant way for them. The girls laugh at me because there are moments where they'll be at dinner making jokes or explaining some new theory they've got about something, and my eyes will mist up because I am filled with wonder at who they are and joy at seeing them grow up. One of the reasons Michelle—for all her frustrations about the career path that I chose—always supported me was her understanding that if push ever really came to shove, I'd always give that up for my family. She knew what mattered most to me.

Do you feel like the girls knew that?

They always did. They did not worry about whether Dad adored them. If the girls had challenges during the White House years, it was the weirdness of growing up in a spotlight and the security factor, particularly when they became teenagers. If they wanted to spend the night at a friend's, we had to call their friend's parents, apologize for the fact that Secret Service is gonna look through their house. All of our family came to love the agents who were with us. They really do become family. But to a couple of teenage girls, they're still folks with earpieces and guns whose job it is to keep them safe. That chafed for a few years.

Are there things about White House life that you miss, whether it's the pastry chef—

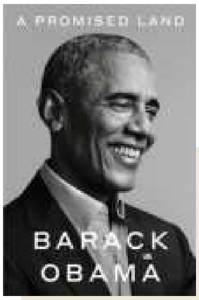
[*Laughs*] I may have mentioned that my first year, my cholesterol went up. I couldn't explain it until I realized, *Oh, I can't have pie every other night*. The Truman Balcony on a summer night. You're looking out over the South Lawn. In the distance you see the Washington Monument, the Jefferson Memorial. And the ability to have friends over and know that you don't have to go around shoving stuff into the closet to make it presentable, because the residence staff was so immaculate and accommodating. Fresh-cut flowers, a tradition that dates back to President Polk, I believe, trying to make his wife cheerful after a child's death.

There are a bunch of things. We still get flowers. But, you know, we don't have that same budget.

Your wife once described you as the guy who leaves his socks everywhere. Are you back to that?

No. I have developed systems. Our standards were raised and expectations were raised, and I've tried to do my best to meet them ever since.

(PYRAMID, COACHING, BRIEFING) PETE SOUZA/THE WHITE HOUSE(3); (KING, GRAND CANYON) MANDEL NGAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES(2); (OATH) SHUTTERSTOCK; (SPEECH) JASON REED/AFP/GETTY IMAGES



Making Memories

BARNSTORMING FOR HIS HEALTH CARE BILL, OBAMA SQUEEZED IN FAMILY TIME AT NATIONAL PARKS

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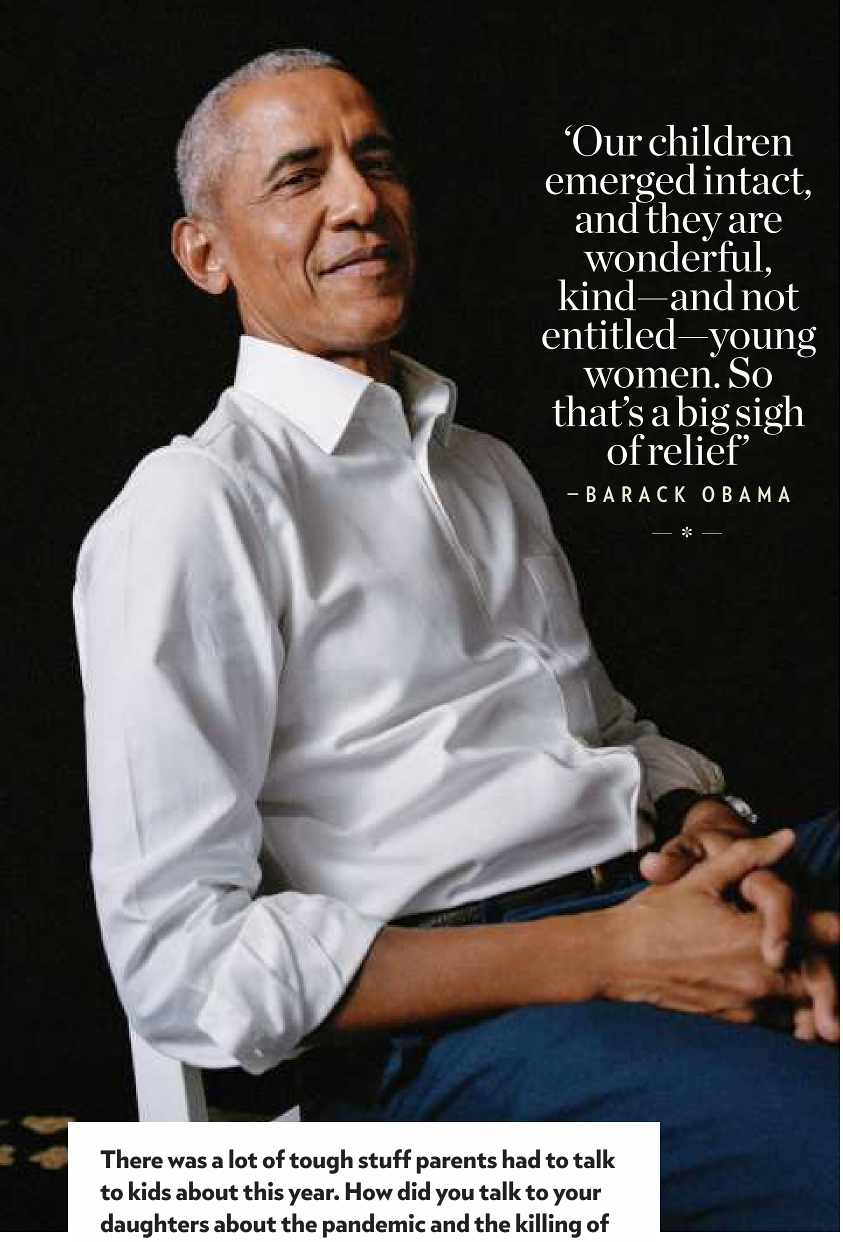
Michelle and I (with the help of infinitely patient Secret Service agents) tried to approximate a normal childhood for my daughters, [but] it was hard if not impossible for me to take them places like an ordinary dad would. I couldn't take them, as I once had, on lazy Sunday afternoon bike rides. A trip to get ice cream or a visit to a bookstore was a major production, involving road closures, tactical teams, and the omnipresent press pool.

If the girls felt a sense of loss over this, they didn't show it. But I felt it acutely. I especially mourned the fact that I'd probably never get a chance to take Malia and Sasha on the sort of long summer road trip I'd made when I was 11, after my mother and [grandmother] Toot decided it was time for [my sister] Maya and me to see the mainland of the United States. It had burned a lasting impression into my mind—and not just because we went to Disneyland (although that was obviously outstanding). We had dug for clams in Puget Sound, ridden horses at the base of Canyon de Chelly in Arizona, watched the Kansas prairie unfold from a train window, and ended each day with the simple pleasures of a motel ice machine, the occasional swimming pool, or just air-conditioning and clean sheets.

I couldn't duplicate that experience for my daughters—not when we flew on Air Force One, rode in motorcades, and never bunked down in a place like Howard Johnson's. But over an August week [in 2009], Michelle, the girls and I had fun all the same. We watched Old Faithful blow and looked out over the ocher expanse of the Grand Canyon. The girls went inner tubing. At night, we played board games and tried to name the constellations. Tucking the girls into bed, I hoped that despite the fuss that surrounded us, their minds were storing away a vision of life's possibilities and the beauty of the American landscape, just as mine once had; and that they might someday think back on our trips and be reminded that they were so worthy of love, so fascinating and electric with life, that there was nothing their parents would rather do than share those vistas with them.

Excerpted from *A Promised Land* by Barack Obama, published by Crown, an imprint of the Random House Publishing Group, a division of Penguin Random House



> ‘Our children emerged intact, and they are wonderful, kind—and not entitled—young women. So that’s a big sigh of relief’
>
> —BARACK OBAMA

There was a lot of tough stuff parents had to talk to kids about this year. How did you talk to your daughters about the pandemic and the killing of George Floyd and all that unraveled after that?
The conversation I’ve had with our girls is: Life is long, and you guys are young. As frustrating as it must feel to not be able to travel and be on campus—I said, “That’ll still be there.” I counseled patience, and overall they have handled it wonderfully.

With respect to [the Black Lives Matter demonstrations], Malia and Sasha found their own ways to get involved. I could not have been prouder. Their attitude was, We’ve seen something wrong and we want to fix it, and we understand that it’s not going to take just one march.

Did you or Mrs. Obama join them in the protests?
No. Because the Secret Service would have a bunch of constraints. And what got me excited was to see a new generation take up the torch and recognize that this is their country to remake. It was the biggest bright spot of this year in the wake of one of the darkest moments.

Are either of your daughters thinking about literally picking up the torch from you?
They’re reflective of their generation in the sense they want to make a difference, and they think about their careers in terms of, How do I make the world better? [But] they’re not going to go into electoral politics. I’m fairly certain about that.

Mrs. Obama has made plain the pain and anger that she felt in Donald Trump’s Presidency. What was the conversation like in your house over the 72 million Americans who voted to give him a second term?
The country is deeply divided in part because of some very real differences in where people live and what their experiences are. Part of it is along the fault line of race . . . and part of it has to do with different media realities. If you are occupying a world in which Donald Trump is tweeting and Sean Hannity and Laura Ingraham are the main voices in your head and you’re going to websites that describe Democrats as hating America or whatever other conspiracy theories are being promoted, then you are going to vote differently and think differently than somebody who’s watching CNN or looking at *The New York Times*. So the thing we’ve been talking about in our household is: How do we get back to a place where we share a common culture and a common set of facts? That’s going to be difficult.

A lot was made about your “bromance” with your VP. What gives you confidence as Joe Biden takes the helm?
Joe genuinely cares about other people. That core is what gives me confidence that he’ll be a good President. He constantly asks himself, “How does this affect real people?” Because of COVID, we haven’t seen each other as much. He knows I’ll be there if he wants to quietly talk something over. But he’s my President, and I’m just going to be like other American citizens praying for him.

You reveal in the book that you’ve had a recurring dream where you’re just another American—
Right. I’ve lost that dream. It used to come every couple months. Me just walking down a street, and nobody knows who I am. And I sit down in a park or at a café and just watch the world go by. Michelle jokes that I had a little bit of a fantasy that somehow, once the Presidency was over, I could go back to strolling through Central Park. I was disabused of that fairly quickly. [*Laughs*] There are aspects of my life that I can’t get back. But there are things that I can do now. When we were in Martha’s Vineyard this summer, Michelle and I would take bike rides. And now that we have masks on, we could ride through town and people wouldn’t know who we were. It felt pretty close to what I had imagined—that sense of freedom, of being able to go wherever you wanted. So it’s not *all* the way back, but 70, 75 percent back. That’s not bad. ●

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A 6-year-old Martha in 1947.

MARTHA STEWART

WHAT I KNOW NOW

THE DIY QUEEN—CELEBRATING HER MAGAZINE'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY—GETS CANDID ABOUT CAREER, FAMILY AND THE SIREN CALL OF INSTAGRAM *By* **ANA CALDERONE**

As the rest of the world slowed down this year, Martha Stewart remained busier than ever. "My friends are all a little envious. They call me every day to say, 'You're so lucky. You have so much to do,'" says the lifestyle mogul, 79. "I could easily say, 'Well, I'd like to be lolling around, doing nothing.' But I've been going 24/7, and that's okay." The New Jersey native's strong work ethic is something she's maintained since she started modeling in high school. A successful stockbroker after attending Barnard College, Stewart left the workforce to raise her daughter Alexis, now 55, with ex-husband Andrew Stewart (they divorced in 1990) at home in Westport, Conn. As Alexis approached her teen years, Stewart began her career as a caterer in 1976, opening doors to a world of cookbook writing (her 97th title, Cake Perfection, *is out now), a bevy of TV shows (she filmed two seasons*

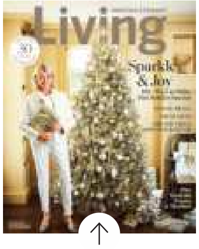
CELESTE SLOMAN

Family Ties "They're real intellectuals," says Stewart of grandkids Truman, 8, and Jude, 9. "They read in Spanish, English and Chinese." Left: With daughter Alexis in 2005.

'There's nothing tough about being 79, other than a number that stares you in the face'

of HGTV's Martha Knows Best *during the pandemic) and her magazine* Martha Stewart Living *(published by* People's *parent company, Meredith Corp.). Here Stewart reveals her approach to business, beauty and getting through tough times (in 2004 she served five months in prison after being found guilty on charges including conspiracy and obstruction of justice). "I have survived the rigors of time, of marriage, of childbearing, of building a business from scratch," she says. "I have survived very nicely, and I think I make the most of it."*

Go where life takes you.
My neighbor, a beautiful ballerina, was modeling for Stuart Models, and she had a contract. Her parents said to me, "Martha, you're so pretty. You should be modeling also." So I did. I signed with Ford Models and was immediately signed up for TV commercials. I was the all-American girl. I played married parts when I was 16 years old. I was so skinny and so perfect for modeling, but I didn't know that I was beautiful. That was my only problem. I knew that I could model, I knew I could pose for pictures, but I was not sexy, and I was not provocative. That feeling never came. It still hasn't come. I'm waiting for that day. I remember thinking, "God, I'm more beautiful than Ali MacGraw." But I didn't know how to be Ali MacGraw. I didn't know how to lure the photographers into my bed. Everybody was sleeping with everybody at the time, and I never did any of that.



Cover Star "It was such a good magazine from day one," she says of *Martha Stewart Living,* which is celebrating its 30th year.

Model Martha

Before she became a domestic diva, Stewart (in the early 1960s in various campaigns) posed for brands like Clairol, Tareyton cigarettes and *Glamour* magazine. "Modeling helped me tremendously, because I learned not to be afraid of a camera," she says.

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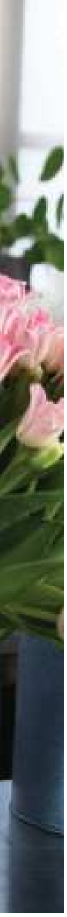

There are no limits—unless you set them for yourself.

The most important of my early jobs was being a stockbroker, and I lasted in that business for about eight years, working in a firm of all men. Only one woman owned a seat on the [New York Stock] Exchange at that time. I'm not intimidated by men, I never was—I had three brothers who were beating on me all the time growing up. But men actually welcomed me to their offices. We wore hot pants to work. I still have my pale, peachy-pink ones and my chocolate-brown ones. I wore them with either high heels, bare legs or tights. Elegant but also crazy. Like, how can you go to work in short-shorts? But I didn't think twice about it. I was totally respected. I didn't even know what a glass ceiling was until somebody explained it to me, because being a woman and being a businesswoman was all one and the same to me. I had a very successful career in the stock market, and I sometimes regret not staying in that business, because becoming an investment banker would've been pretty fabulous. But I was lured to the home.

There is no perfect way to be a mother.

I was busy. At the time, Alexis was going to school in Westport, and I was commuting to New York. After I gave up stock-brokering, I started an at-home catering business, which was extremely time-consuming. One thing Alexis learned from that was how to cook. She's a phenomenal cook and baker. I tried to involve her in everything, but the minute she could leave home and go to boarding school, she did. Our relationship has always been a difficult mother-daughter relationship. Difficult, but she would do anything for me, and I would do anything for her.

Believe in yourself, even if others do not.

[My company] Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia went public in 1999. I was the first self-made female billionaire. I had opposition, and that kind of opposition to a woman-built business was really outrageous. Even my own lawyers were negative about the possibility of success. I remember one lawyer sending me an orchid, saying, "Oh, you did it. Wow. What a surprise." What a piece of garbage that guy is. I think I helped so many other women believe in their own ideas and their own business plans and their own paths to glory. Many other women have built amazing companies and done very well. I think I had a good part in that, without being an overt feminist.

It's okay to feel sad, but keep carrying on.

Getting divorced was a terrible thing for me, because we were the first to divorce in my family. And that we haven't spoken since the divorce is even more painful. But I'm very strong, and I'm very motivated to get on with life. Even when I went away [to Alderson Federal Prison Camp in West Virginia] for five months, I got through it. I learned how to crochet. I still have the gorgeous crocheted poncho [that I wore leaving prison]. It's in the attic. And I reupped my ceramics there. I had done a lot of ceramics as a child, and we had this fabulous ceramics studio in West Virginia, and I made an entire crèche scene. That's my best memory.

Surrounding yourself with different types of people is the best school.

I learn a lot from my friend Snoop [Dogg], just about his whole world. Rap had always interested me. That kind of poetry really resonates with me. I listen to the words, although some of them might be pretty hard to take. Early on I started inviting rappers to my daily show. I had Snoop, P. Diddy and Usher. The only one that wouldn't come was Eminem. I still have not met Eminem, and that is just ridiculous.

Social media can be a blast.

I took a pool selfie photo by mistake [see sidebar]. I was trying to take a picture of the beautiful turquoise planter at the end of the pool, but the camera was on me, so I just snapped it. It looked so good, so I posted it. I didn't know what a "thirst trap" was, but now I do. Now I'm looking for the next thirst trap. I love doing those promiscuous, provocative things, because it's just fun.

Practice self-care. You'll thank yourself later.

I work primarily with two very excellent dermatologists, who are very conservative about anything that they would do to my face. A little Juvéderm injections here or there every now and then, maybe twice a year, and that's basically the skin treatments that I get. I've never had a face-lift. I have the same lady doing my pedicure for many years. And my feet are like a young person's feet because of her. I have all my own teeth. I really care about maintaining an aura of good health, which is basically the food I eat. And genetics has a lot to do with it. My dad was a gorgeous man with very good skin. So was Mom. She was fantastic until she was 93 years old. My hope is that unless I kill myself with too much hard work, I will probably survive very nicely for a long time. ●

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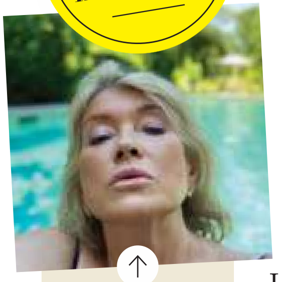
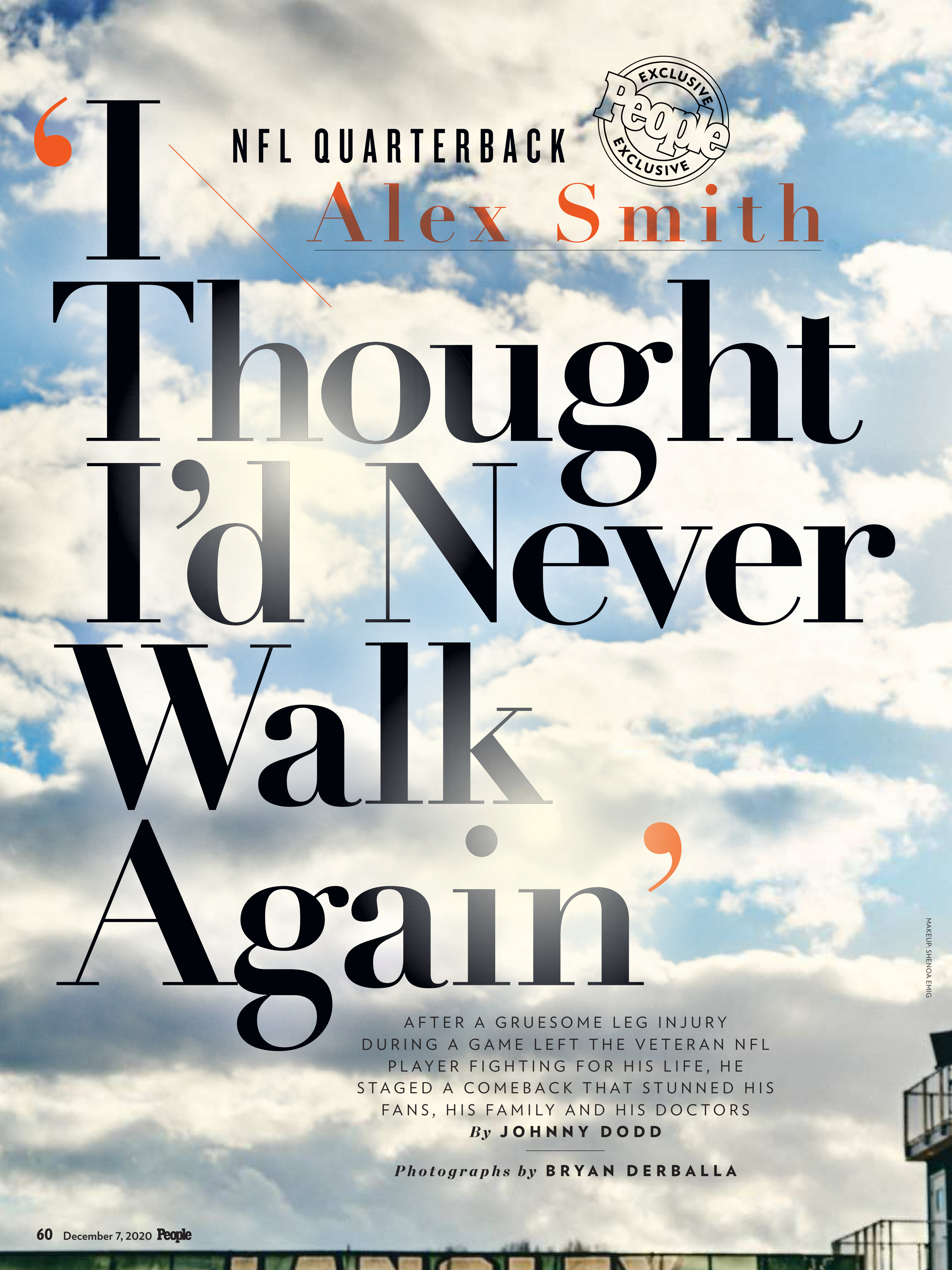


Thirst Trap
This sexy pool selfie (in July) didn't lead to any dates, Stewart says, "just some fun remarks."

Night Out
Stewart (with Douglas Friedman) went sultry-glam for the *Vanity Fair* Oscar party.

House Call
On a live *Today* segment, neighbor Richard Gere called to request the cake she was decorating. "We took it right over," she says.

Team Photo
Her quarantine "detainees": driver Carlos (left), housekeeper Elvira and gardener Ryan.



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NFL QUARTERBACK

Alex Smith

'I Thought I'd Never Walk Again'

AFTER A GRUESOME LEG INJURY DURING A GAME LEFT THE VETERAN NFL PLAYER FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE, HE STAGED A COMEBACK THAT STUNNED HIS FANS, HIS FAMILY AND HIS DOCTORS

By **JOHNNY DODD**

Photographs by **BRYAN DERBALLA**

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Back in the Game
"We're all made pretty tough, and we can bounce back when we've got people to lean on for support," says Smith (in McLean, Va., on Nov. 10).

From Critical Injury to Amazing Recovery

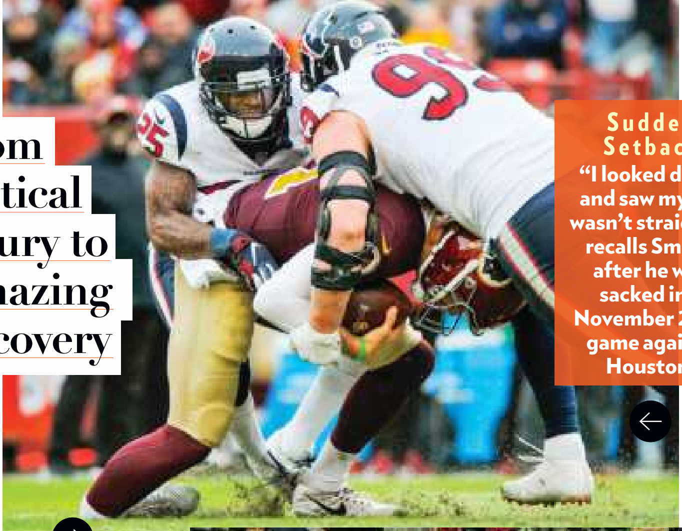
It was late in the afternoon on Dec. 3, 2018, when a feverish Alex Smith lay in his bed at Virginia's Inova Fairfax Hospital, desperately trying to grasp what was happening to him. Fifteen days earlier, the then 34-year-old quarterback for the Washington Football Team (then known as the Washington Redskins) had dropped back for a pass during a game against the Houston Texans when he was sacked by two defensive players, shattering two bones in the lower part of his right leg and leaving them partially protruding from the skin. Smith was rushed into surgery, where doctors pieced his tibia and fibula back together with 29 screws and two metal plates.

What they didn't know at the time was that bacteria from the field had gotten into the wound, causing a flesh-eating infection called necrotizing fasciitis. After just three days it had blackened his leg and was threatening to spread its way through the rest of his body. Suddenly doctors were talking about amputation in a desperate attempt to stop the infection—and save Smith's life. "I'm laying there wondering, 'How does this happen?'" says Smith. "I was just playing in a football game, and all of a sudden I might be losing my leg. And I'm thinking, 'What's my life going to be like?'"

In fact, the next two years would prove far tougher than he ever could have imagined. But the 16-year veteran quarterback and married father of three refused to give up, enduring 17 surgeries as well as muscle and skin grafts to salvage his leg and then staging one of the most remarkable comebacks in NFL history, when he returned to the field in October. "It's unbelievable, but if anybody could do this, it's Alex," says Scott Turner, offensive coordinator for the Washington Football Team. "It was his will and determination to not let anything stop him. It takes a special type of person to overcome the challenge he faced."

Now Smith—who was named the team's starting quarterback on Nov. 15—is on a quest to share what he calls "the power of attitude" and how finding the will to stay positive and persevere helped fuel his against-all-odds recovery. "I don't think you totally know how resilient you are until you get tested, and this was definitely the biggest test I've had in my life," says Smith, now 36. "There are so many things you can't control, but every single day you wake up, you have the power to control your attitude and how you approach the things ahead of you. That's something I focused on every day."

Smith was in the midst of a banner season on Nov. 18, 2018, when he was brought down behind the line of scrimmage in the third quarter of Washington's game against Houston. "It was a pretty innocent play," he says. "I had a funny feeling in my leg when it happened. I immediately knew it was broken, but I knew the doctors would fix me up and I'd be back next season." By the time they discovered the necrotizing fasciitis, Smith was drifting in and out of consciousness, with a 103-degree fever brought on by sepsis caused by his body's extreme reaction to the infection. "I was really worried," says Dr. Robin West, the team's head orthopedic surgeon. "I'd never seen a football injury this severe." Over the next 13 days surgeons desperately tried to stay ahead of the raging infection, cutting



Sudden Setback "I looked down and saw my leg wasn't straight," recalls Smith, after he was sacked in a November 2018 game against Houston.

Crushing Pain "I didn't know at the time it was a compound fracture," says Smith (being carted off the field and taken to surgery).

Road to Recovery Smith (left) in rehab at the Center for the Intrepid in February 2019; and (right) during a game against the L.A. Rams on Oct. 11.

> 'This was definitely the biggest test I've had in my life'
> —ALEX SMITH

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away ever-increasing amounts of Smith's deteriorating muscle, flesh and tendons. "He was dying," says Elizabeth, his wife of 11 years, a former Oakland Raiders cheerleader who first met Alex when he was playing for the San Francisco 49ers. "A couple of the doctors were saying, 'Let's just amputate it,' and at one point even I said, 'Just cut it off.' "

But a handful of other specialists believed they could save the leg, and Smith wanted to try. Doctors went to work replacing the damaged portion of the leg with various muscles, tendons, arteries and skin from his left leg and what remained of his right. (It would take another seven months—and massive amounts of antibiotics—to bring the infection under control.) "I definitely thought football was over for me," says Smith. Shortly before Christmas 2018 he was discharged from the hospital and returned to the family's home in Virginia, 48 lbs. lighter and with a titanium cage encircling what remained of his leg and bolted into the bone. Smith—a former University of Utah standout quarterback and the first player chosen in the 2005 NFL draft—could barely bring himself to look at the damaged limb. But over the next 20 months he pushed through a regimen of doctor's appointments and grueling physical therapy sessions, and gradually progressed from a wheelchair to a walker and then crutches.

By April 2019 he'd started walking and was approved by Dr. West to begin physical therapy at the Center for the Intrepid—a state-of-the-art rehab facility in San Antonio's Fort Sam Houston that specializes in treating soldiers suffering from combat-related amputations, limb trauma and severe burns. "It was so humbling to be alongside them," says Smith, who traveled to the center on three different occasions for multiweek stays and remained in constant touch with the specialists there. "I was playing a game and got a freak infection. These were men and women who had gone out to defend this country and came back with these severe injuries."

By November 2019—much to the amazement of his doctors—Smith's leg had regained enough strength that a return to football didn't seem so far-fetched. "I told myself that I need to see how far I can push this," says Smith, who'd had an 18-inch titanium rod inserted to help strengthen the bone two months earlier.

He began running passing drills with friends twice a day in a field near the family's home, and by July 2020 doctors determined that Smith and his leg were healthy and strong enough to get back in the game. "The first time he stepped back out onto the field, I was so nervous, I almost threw up," says Elizabeth. "A lot of people say this is a miracle, but miracles don't come with this much work." Adds Smith, who credits his family with making his return possible: "That first time I got hit and tackled, it felt so good, it was crazy. This has been such a long process, but it's amazing to finally not be thinking about my leg and to just be going out there and playing football." ●

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The Power of a Positive Mind

"I've always been a big mindset guy," says Smith, who's convinced his optimism played a critical part in his amazing recovery. Now he's launched a T-shirt line (available at *attitudeisfree .com*) to celebrate the power of a positive attitude, with all proceeds going to the Center for the Intrepid rehab facility. "They helped me so much," he says. "I wanted to give a little back."

Family Huddle

"We had a great team throughout all this," says Smith, with his four biggest supporters: his wife, Elizabeth, and their three kids (from left): Sloane, 4, Hayes, 7, and Hudson, 9.

Accusations After an Overnight Party

TRAGIC ACCIDENT— OR MURDER?

TAMLA HORSFORD DIED AT A GATHERING WHERE SHE WAS THE ONLY BLACK GUEST—AND HER FAMILY WANTS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHY

By **JEFF TRUESDELL** *and* **CHRISTINE PELISEK**

To celebrate her 45th birthday, Jeanne Meyers wanted to have fellow moms over for a girls-only sleepover party, where the plan was to hang out together like a bunch of teens bonding overnight. So on Nov. 3, 2018, about nine women gathered at Meyers's Cumming, Ga., home to have drinks and a potluck dinner and to watch the big Alabama-LSU game on TV. Among the guests: Tamla Horsford, whose son played youth football with Meyers's boy. A fun-loving parent of five boys ages 4 to 14 and a grown daughter, Tamla was the "megaphone mom," pacing the sidelines of her kids' games with her crowd-rallying cheer "Can't stop greatness!" says her husband, Leander. Said Meyers, later: "She's always been the life of the party."

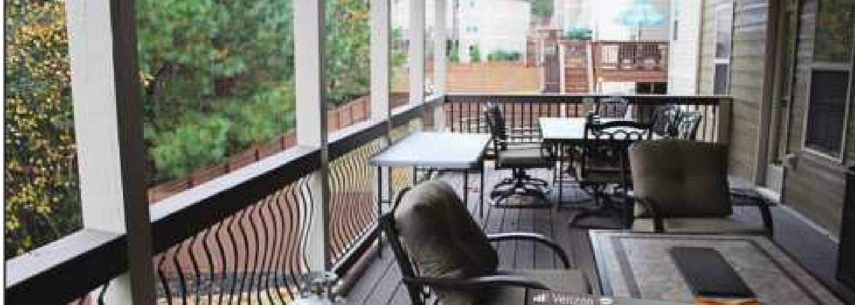
Until the party turned tragic. On the morn-

'A BIG HEART'
Tamla (at right, and above, with guests at the sleepover) "would not allow you to be in a bad mood," says her daughter.

‘IT’S EASIER TO JUST SAY IT’S AN ACCIDENT AND SWEEP IT UNDER THE RUG’

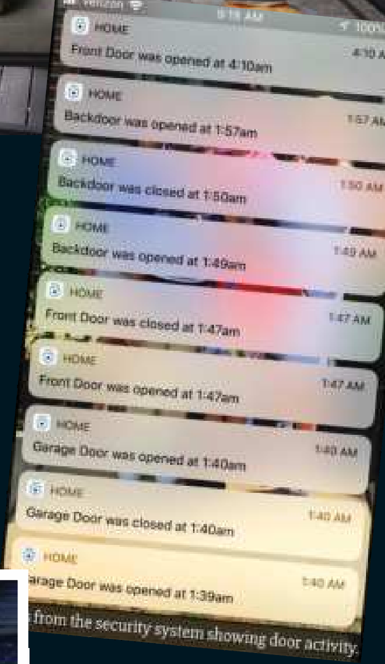
—TERI BLANCO, TAMLA’S SISTER-IN-LAW

ing after the sleepover, Meyers’s aunt, who lived with the family, saw a figure lying facedown in the backyard. It was Tamla, 40, dead in her socked feet and paw-print pajamas. Authorities called to the scene first suspected she tripped over some garden edging—a hazard Meyers’s aunt told police she had also stumbled over—and suffered a fatal injury. Later they theorized she died after a fall from a second-floor deck. The Forsyth County Sheriff’s office closed the case on Feb. 20, 2019, calling it an accidental death: “It was a party,” Major Joe Perkins said at the time. “They were drinking.” But now, after months of increasing public concern that her death wasn’t properly investigated because of her race, the Forsyth County Sheriff’s Office has asked the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to take a look into the case. “I do not believe,” says husband Leander, 46, “that the truth has been told about that night.”



Unanswered Questions in an Investigation

A security-system time line (right) indicates people were in and out of the home late into the night—but Horsford family attorney Ralph Fernandez wants to know more. He says that DNA was not collected from the deck—which might have shown if Tamla was on the ledge—and that witness statements conflict and the scene was not preserved. Says Fernandez: “Everything that can go wrong in an investigation went wrong here.”



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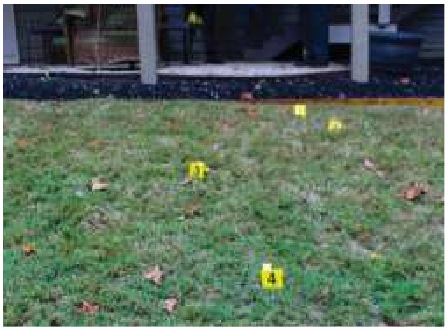

FATAL FALL?

Markers in the yard (left) show where Tamla landed after allegedly tumbling from a second-story deck (top).

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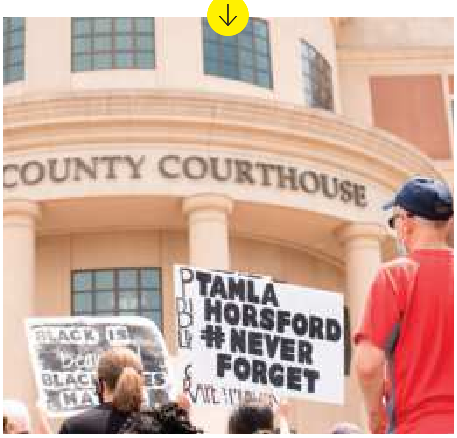
Not all the party guests decided to spend the night. Tamla was last seen alive at the party at about 1:45 a.m. by a departing guest, who said Tamla told her she was going to eat some gumbo, then smoke a cigarette outside before heading to bed. An autopsy found alcohol nearly three times the legal limit in her system—but also found that she had blunt force trauma to her head, neck and extremities, including a broken neck and dislocated wrist, inconsistent with a slight fall. None of it made sense to Tamla’s family, and suspicion grew after it was reported that Meyers’s then-boyfriend Jose Barrera—one of two men at the home that night—had used his role as a Forsyth County pretrial services officer to access records in the case. “It sounds like something a guilty person would do,” says Leander. Barrera was fired from his job.

PUBLIC PROTEST

The case has received widespread attention at Black Lives Matter marches (on June 6 at Forsyth County courthouse).



According to a police-interview transcript, when authorities asked him if he’d thrown Tamla over the deck, he replied, “No, I did not.” On Feb. 21, 2019, attorneys representing Barrera, Meyers and other party guests, explained Barrera’s look at the case file as merely “curiosity [that] got the better of him.” They further stated, “Our clients are completely innocent. This was not murder. This was not anything other than a tragic accident.”

Still, the county’s turbulent racial past and 85 percent white population adds to the Horsford family’s unease. “The fact that she was a Black woman, sadly, in a sea of people that weren’t, might have something to do with why it wasn’t more investigated,” says Tamla’s sister-in-law Teri Blanco. “More than one person knows what happened. If enough pressure is put on them, somebody will talk.” ●

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Not Forgotten "I want people to know they lived," says Burks (here at Files Cemetery in Hot Springs, Ark.) of the men with AIDS she cared for.

AUTHOR & ACTIVIST
RUTH COKER BURKS

'They Call Me the AIDS Angel'

AS A DEVASTATING DISEASE BEGAN CLAIMING THE LIVES OF YOUNG MEN IN ARKANSAS IN THE 1980S, ONE WOMAN FOUND HERSELF CALLED TO ACTION: 'I DID WHAT I LEARNED IN CHURCH. I HELPED' *By* **JASON SHEELER**

CAROLINE M HOLT(2)

"I waited for a full moon to bury his ashes," Ruth Coker Burks remembers of that night in 1986. "I couldn't let anyone see what I was doing." She headed for Files Cemetery in Hot Springs, Ark. It was a scraggly piece of land on a hill shaded by pine trees. Burks's relatives had been buried there since the 1800s, and she had inherited 262 plots from her mother. The 26-year-old single mom had met Jimmy only briefly a few days before. Now she clutched his cremated remains in a chipped cookie jar, the only thing she could afford. Crunching across the dry pine needles, she found herself standing over her father's grave. She figured her dad would take care of Jimmy, and should word get out, she could find his interred ashes again. "I was terrified that people might desecrate the cemetery and dig up the remains," Burks, now 61, says. "Plus, there wasn't a judge alive who wouldn't have taken my daughter away if they

Helping Hands Burks holds an AIDS ribbon made for her by Arkansas artist Jon Hatton.

had known that I had taken care of an AIDS patient and then buried him. But no one wanted him."

She started digging.

Burks had no idea that this would not be her last clandestine burial. Or that word would quietly spread, and she would go on to inter the remains of more than 40 other men who died from AIDS in the 1980s, that she would become an outspoken AIDS advocate, and that what she started would become sacred LGBTQ ground, a place to which people from all over the country would make pilgrimages.

At the time, those ideas were too grandiose for Burks, a divorced time-share Realtor in the town of 35,000 largely white, heterosexual Arkansans. By the mid '80s, Hot Springs—known for its natural, healing waters and a giant billboard at the city limits that promised PREPARE TO MEET GOD—had begun to see the return of young men who had left home for cities like New York and San Francisco. They came back skinnier and paler, seeking support, refuge—and a place to die. Most were not welcome. "There was a lot of prayer in churches to get the devil out, the AIDS out, the gay out," Burks remembers. The men were barely welcome at the local hospitals.

Burks met Jimmy while visiting a sick friend at the University of Arkansas Medical Center in Little Rock. She wondered who was across the hall, in the room secured by a red tarp emblazoned with a biohazard symbol. Then she heard the nurses drawing straws to determine who had to treat the patient with the "gay disease." Venturing closer, she heard a man's voice calling out for his mother. There, in his last hours, Jimmy, so dehydrated he could barely cry, had become delirious and thought Burks was his mother. She pretended to be. He reached out for her hand, and she took it, ungloved. "At that moment, I had a conversation with God," she says. "I asked, 'Are you really sure I'm supposed to be in here?' The answer was clear, and I never looked back. I fell down the rabbit hole." With Burks by his side, Jimmy died.

Burks called Jimmy's mother, who said that she didn't want his body. Then she lambasted the nurses over his care. It was the beginning of a loop of painful and combative conversations, which

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Family Land
Burks interred Jimmy's ashes near her late father's plot (above; below, with her dad in 1961). She hopes to raise funds for a memorial.

AIDS: BY THE NUMBERS

1.2 MILLION
Number of people in the U.S. living with HIV

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HIV-positive Americans who are unaware they are infected

90%
Amount the U.S. government hopes to reduce cases over the next decade, via earlier diagnoses and interventions

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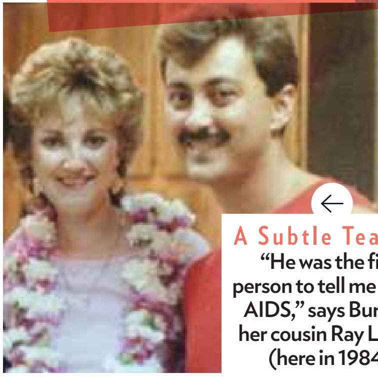
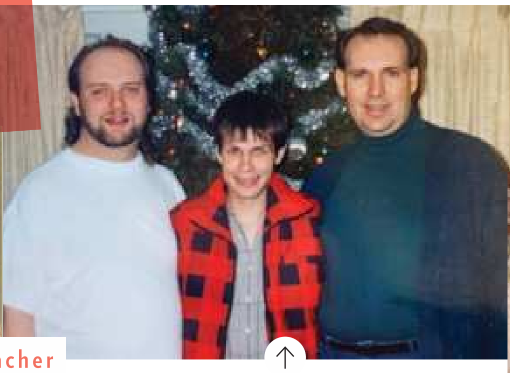


A Subtle Teacher
"He was the first person to tell me about AIDS," says Burks of her cousin Ray Lawler (here in 1984).



A Hopeful Friend
"Billy [Collins, center, with his partner Paul Wineland, left, and Larry Herrington in 1992] always thought the cure was just about to arrive," Burks says.

Outspoken Advocates
Burks with entertainers Miss Sookie Simone (left) and Lena London (right) in Little Rock in 1991, when she was executive director of the charity Helping People with AIDS.

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Today Files Cemetery has hundreds of homemade memorials honoring those who lost their lives to AIDS.

Shaping Public Policy
Burks (with her daughter Allison and President Bill Clinton in 2000) advised the White House on AIDS education.

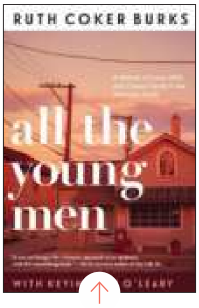
would be repeated over the next 20 years as she became an inadvertent AIDS advocate. Burks appeared on TV and in newspapers and passed out condoms in gay bars as often as she prayed (and solicited donations) in churches. "It's what I would hear every Sunday," she says. "You're supposed to do for those who have the least. This is who the church taught me to be."

A few days after she buried Jimmy, she got a phone call from a hospital in Hot Springs. A patient was near death, and they'd soon need his body removed. They had heard Burks could assist. "This hospital is not equipped to handle people with AIDS," a nurse told her. His name was Ronald, and she watched him die too. This time she waited to see how long his soul stayed in the room, she says. "The vein in his neck, I watched how many times it beat before he stopped breathing. I remember thinking, 'That's one thing I know about him.'"

Burks interred Ronald at the cemetery, also in a cookie jar. He and Jimmy would soon be joined by Tim, Jim, Carlos and more. Sometimes she spent days with the men, sometimes only hours. Sometimes she would sit with three or four men per week as they died; other times she would simply receive remains in the mail. Slowly, her mission of companionship became something more: She helped men with HIV secure social security benefits, medicine and food. She began helping them get tested, learning how to draw blood and transporting the vials in fishing-bait coolers to the health center. (To maintain anonymity, she'd label the vials Nancy or Ronald Reagan, a nod to the President's refusal to acknowledge the disease.) Afternoons and weekends, often with her daughter Allison in tow, she'd ferry the men ("my guys," she calls them) to appointments, the grocery store, to look for apartments. "Oh, and we laughed," Burks says. "And I learned some funny things, like when someone wears 'summer diamonds'—*some are* diamonds, and some aren't." Mostly, she provided acceptance. Soon she began receiving the type of vitriol that the LGBTQ community knew all too well. (She once woke up to a flaming cross in her front yard.) "I knew what it was like to not be accepted," says Burks. "These were people that had done nothing wrong in their lives and had gotten this horrible plague. And they became our family." Often the men would babysit Allison when Burks couldn't afford childcare. "They took us in too," she says.

Today Burks's mission, once surreptitious, is no longer a secret. She's been called the Cemetery Angel and the AIDS Angel or, as President Bill Clinton simply said in 2017, "a hero." And Jimmy and Ronald have been joined by what she estimates are hundreds of other people whose lives were lost to AIDS. "Someone will call and say, 'Hey I just scattered ashes at the cemetery,'" she says. Her plan is to raise money for a proper memorial there. (For information on how to donate, go to ruthcokerburks.com).

She misses all of them, including her longtime friend Billy, whose birthday is Dec. 1, World AIDS Day. "I feel like they are still around me," says Burks. "Some days I will say something to Billy or Jimmy. They'll show up at different times. If I see someone dressed as if they obviously don't have a good gay friend, Billy likes to chime in with something." She laughs, then pauses. "I wanted their lives to have mattered—and they did. Look, we're talking about them 30 years later." ●



Sharing Her Story
"Life is about caring for each other," Burks writes in her new memoir.

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Passing It On
"I taught my daughter how to love *all* people," says Burks (with Allison, 38, and her grandchildren at Gay Pride in 2019).

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RUBY BRIDGES

A Civil Rights Icon Looks Back

SIXTY YEARS AFTER SHE FIRST INTEGRATED AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN LOUISIANA, THE AUTHOR AND ACTIVIST REFLECTS ON THE PROGRESS THE COUNTRY HAS MADE—AND WHY SHE PUTS HER BIGGEST FAITH IN KIDS

By **WENDY NAUGLE**

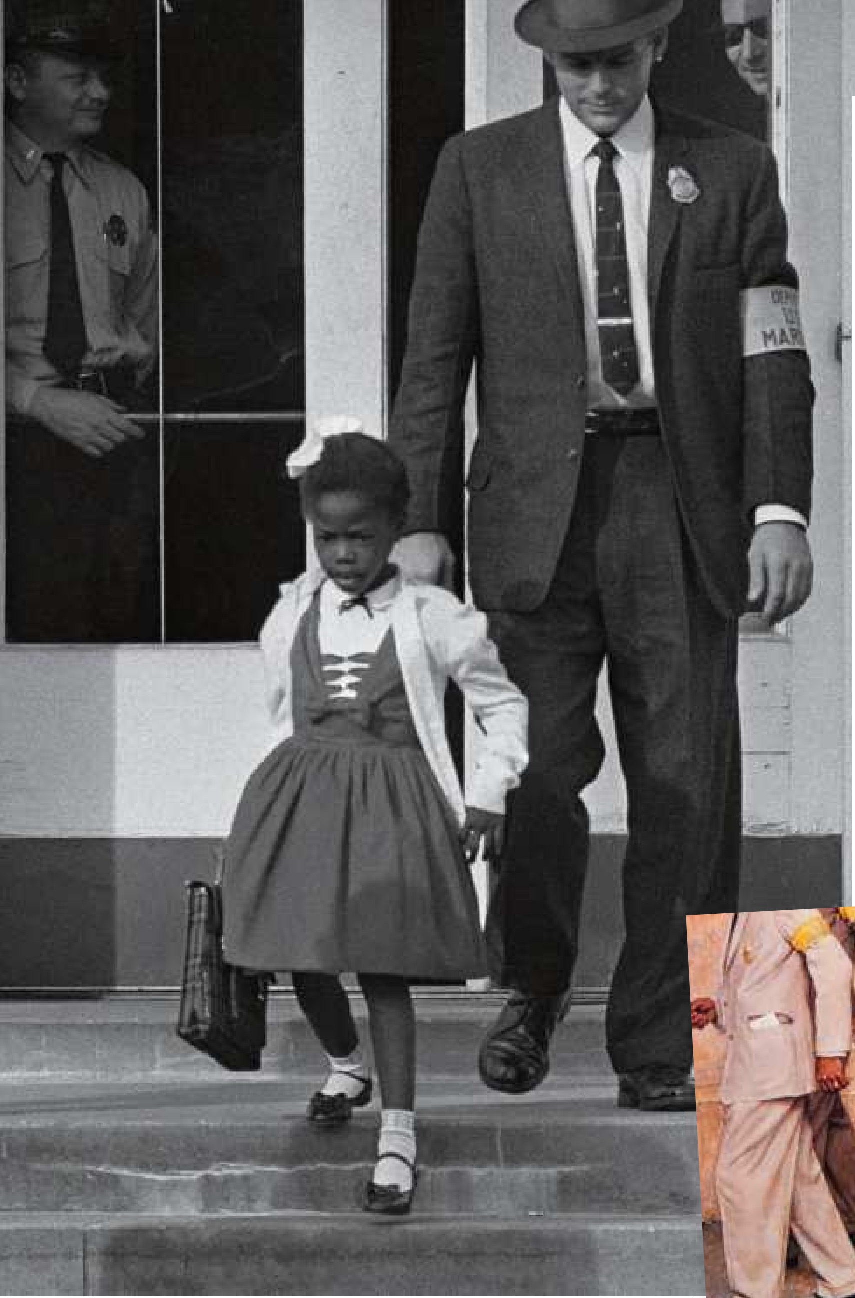
Ruby Bridges learned about the meme the way you might expect a 66-year-old would: Her son showed it to her. "He said, 'Mom, have you seen this?'" she says. "I thought, 'That is so cool.'" The image going viral was an iteration of the famous Norman Rockwell painting of 6-year-old Bridges as she integrated William Franz Elementary School in New Orleans in 1960; the 2020 version photoshopped Bridges's shadow from the painting leading a fellow groundbreaker walking tall: Vice President-elect Kamala Harris. "It made me feel a sense of pride to be a part of that journey," says Bridges, "but I also felt a responsibility to all of those before me, because I'm standing on the shoulders and in the shadows of people who made huge sacrifices for all of us."

'All of us walk in the shadows of someone else. That's the way it should be'

It's been 60 years this month since Bridges first stepped into Franz, after the court enforced the 1954 ruling that school segregation was unconstitutional. She's commemorating the anniversary with a new book, *This Is Your Time,* a letter to young people she hopes will inspire them "to pick up the torch," she says. "We all have a part in making this country that we call the United States live up to its name."

When Bridges, the oldest of eight children born to Lucille, a housekeeper, and Abon, a mechanic, went to first grade that November day, she didn't know she was taking a momentous step in history—her parents had simply told her she was going to a new school and needed to behave. Being accustomed to life in New Orleans, she thought the

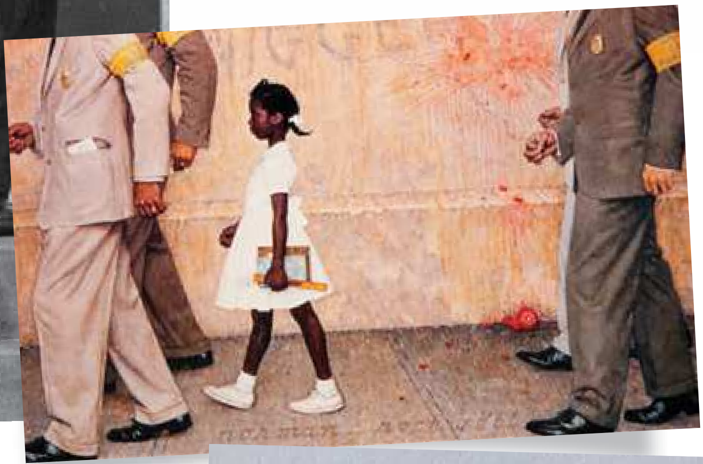
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: TOM LAMONT; SHUTTERSTOCK; THE PROBLEM WE ALL LIVE WITH 1963/NORMAN ROCKWELL; BRIA GOELER AND GOOD TRUBBLE WWW.GOODTRUBBLE.COM

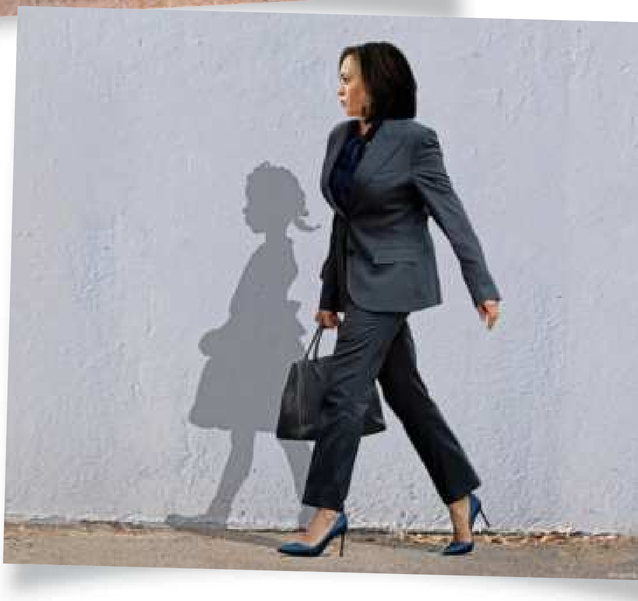


protests outside the building were a Mardi Gras parade. “It took quite a while before I realized that those people were there to keep me out and possibly to harm me,” she recalls. White parents boycotted the school—even after some white children returned, Ruby was not allowed to be in class with them or go to the cafeteria or play at recess.

The small act of revolution her presence represented had real costs for her family, too. Her father, who won a Purple Heart in Korea, was fired from his job. Her grandparents, all sharecroppers, were turned off their land. What sustained her, Bridges says, was her faith—and the teacher she had all to herself, Barbara Henry, a white woman from Boston who she’s often said was her best friend. Another balm: the letters, gifts and donations sent by complete strangers via the NAACP. “There are lots of kind, good people in the world,” Bridges says. “My family was privileged to be on the receiving end of that.”

For years Bridges largely remained anonymous. Norman Rockwell debuted his painting—his first political work—in 1964, memorializing the girl but not identifying her. Bridges lived a quiet life, working as a travel agent and becoming a mom of four boys until a family tragedy forced her to change course: Her brother was murdered. “I ended up back at Franz, taking his daughters to school because they lived in the same neighborhood,” she says. “Once I got inside, I was so disappointed to see that the school was really deteriorating. I felt like, ‘My goodness, all the sacrifices that were made here in this building—it’s just going to waste.’ ” Shortly after that she started the Ruby Bridges Foundation to promote tolerance through education. (“My Maker was waiting until I was ready,” she says with a laugh.) Her work focuses on fighting racism before it starts—by working with kids. “We all know that babies come into the world with a very unique gift, and that is a clear heart,” she says. “Racism is a grown-up disease. Let’s stop using our kids to spread it.” ●





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The Power of Art

Bridges (exiting Franz Elementary one day in 1960) didn’t see Norman Rockwell’s painting of her until she was 17 or 18. “It made me realize this changed the face of education in this country,” she says. Of the meme (right) with her shadow with VP-elect Harris, she says, “I felt extremely proud.”

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Friends Forever
"It's a very special thing we share," says Berkley (with the original *Saved by the Bell* cast in 1990). "After all these years we still care about each other."

ELIZABETH BERKLEY

'It Feels Like Coming Home'

AFTER 28 YEARS, THE ACTRESS REPRISES HER ROLE ON *SAVED BY THE BELL*—AND OPENS UP ABOUT HOW SHE'S CHANGED

By **AILI NAHAS**

More than three decades after her first walk through the fictitious halls of Bayside High, Elizabeth Berkley's return to *Saved by the Bell* was, understandably, an adjustment. "It was surreal," says the actress, 48. On the hit teen series, which ran from 1989 to 1992, she played overachieving class president Jessie Spano, and "to be on those sets with all the same faces that I know and love was really special," she says. "It feels like coming home."

On the much-anticipated reboot, streaming Nov. 25 on Peacock, Berkley and her former costars Mario Lopez, Mark-Paul Gosselaar, Tiffani Thiessen and Lark Voorhies are indeed back in Bayside—only with a modern twist. "It's not like we're going back and being teens again," says Berkley, who is also a producer on the show (and is credited as Elizabeth Berkley Lauren in the series; she's been married to artist Greg Lauren for 17 years). "We wanted to introduce a new cast that people could fall

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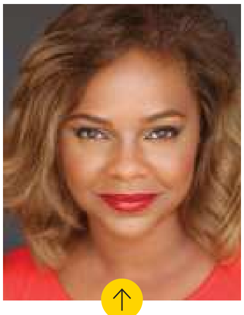
SBTB Cast: Beyond the Bell

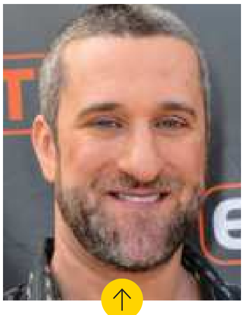
Mario Lopez
As jock A.C. Slater, Lopez romanced Berkley's Jessie Spano. Now the 47-year-old, who has three kids with wife Courtney, is a cohost on *Access Hollywood*.

Tiffani Thiessen
After playing Kelly Kapowski, Thiessen starred in *Beverly Hills, 90210*. Now the mom of two, 46, is also a bestselling cookbook author.

Mark-Paul Gosselaar
As golden-haired prankster Zack Morris, Gosselaar made fans swoon. Currently on *Mixed-ish*, the star, 46, is wed to Catriona McGinn and is a dad of four.



Lark Voorhies
The actress, 46, who played fashionista Lisa Turtle, has been open about living with schizoaffective disorder. She has a cameo in the reboot and "did a beautiful job," says Berkley.



Dustin Diamond
With two arrests and a stint in jail, the actor, 43, who once played "Screech" Powers, has struggled in recent years and won't appear on the new series.

in love with but still have all the winks and nods that a true fan will appreciate." In between arranging snacks for Sky, her 8-year-old son with Lauren, Berkley acknowledges that in revisiting *Saved by the Bell* she's also reliving a charmed period of her life—and probably the lives of many viewers. "*Saved by the Bell* holds a place in people's hearts," she says. "It's a part of their childhood, and that is sacred. And I will be fiercely protective of that legacy."

Born and raised in Michigan by Fred, a lawyer, and Jere, the owner of a gift-basket company, the young Berkley felt a pull to perform early on. "A lot of kids want to be a star or be famous," recalls the actress, who began dancing at 4 and modeling at 12. "But I just loved performing more than anything. And I had a work ethic and a vision that was pretty singular."

After commuting back and forth for bit parts on TV shows, Berkley moved to Los Angeles for good with her parents when she was 15; during her first pilot season, she booked *Saved by the Bell,* a high school sitcom geared toward young teens. "It was such an innocent time," recalls Berkley of filming the series that would make each cast member a household name (see sidebar). "All of our parents were on-set, we did school together, there was a real sense of normalcy. The first time we did a mall autograph-signing was when we realized, 'Oh, this is a hit!'"

> 'Fans have such a connection to *Saved by the Bell.* I'm proud of what we did'

When the series ended, a then 20-year-old Berkley was at a crossroads. "*Saved by the Bell* was a beautiful first rite of passage for me," she says, "but I was excited to dive a little deeper and do something a little juicier." When she first learned about the role of Nomi Malone, a wild and complicated Las Vegas dancer in the film *Showgirls,* "it was a visceral moment," Berkley recalls. "I thought, 'That's mine.'" The erotic drama (the first and only wide release to be given an NC-17 rating) was a significant departure from *Saved by the Bell,* but Berkley "wasn't looking for shock value," she insists. "At the time, the thought of being able to act and dance in a big movie was a dream come true."

The controversial film, released in 1995, was critically panned and vastly underperformed at the box office, leaving Berkley—who was personally

The Band's Back Together
The *Saved by the Bell* reboot "is a fresh take" on the original, says Berkley, who teases that romance may be in store for exes Jessie and Slater. "We'll see! A lot happened between high school and now."

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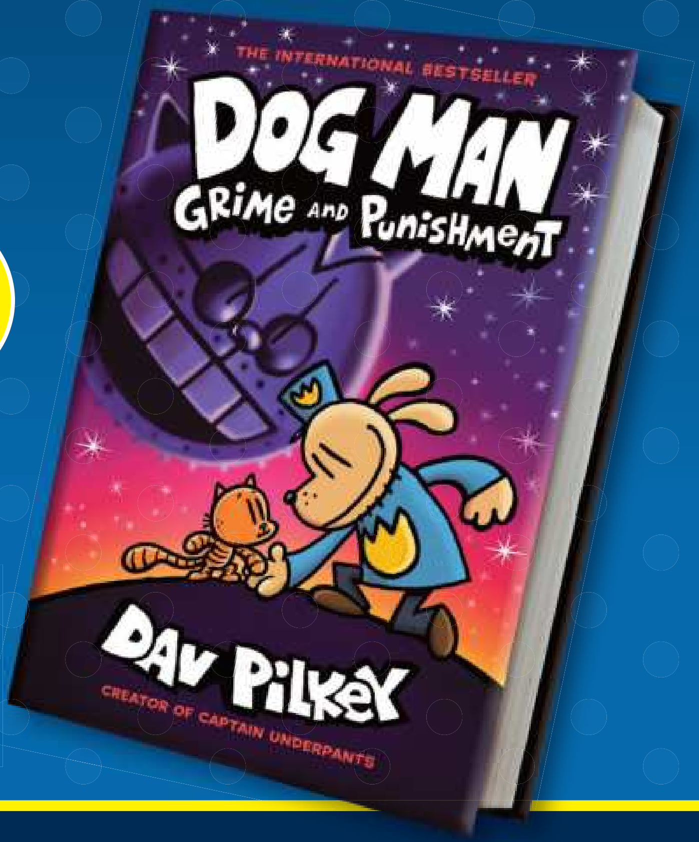
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Family First
"We're a team," says Berkley of her husband, Greg. "And we took the love we have and poured it into Sky."

lambasted for her performance—in uncharted territory. "Of course it is disappointing when something doesn't go well, but it was all of the cruelty that hurt the most," she recalls. "The job of an actor is to fulfill the director's vision. I did what I was supposed to do. The hardest part was that the people I worked with didn't speak up on my behalf. I was left out in the cold."

Moving on from *Showgirls,* which has since become a cult classic and ranks as one of MGM's bestselling home videos of all time, was a "test," recalls Berkley. "I was a pariah in the industry that I had worked so hard for. There was shame and humiliation, but I had to find a way to move forward." In 2006 she used her painful experiences to help others by launching Ask Elizabeth, an online advice resource for adolescents; a 2011 book with the same title followed.

With small but critically acclaimed roles in theater as well as 1996's *The First Wives Club* and 2001's *The Curse of the Jade Scorpion,* Berkley worked to reclaim her standing in the industry she loves. When Sky was born in 2012, Berkley, who has been married since 2003 to Lauren, the nephew of designer Ralph Lauren, was ready for a new venture. "I thought the minute he was born, we'd go from set to set," she says. "But then I didn't feel the pull to work. I was pulled to him. Being a mother is the most profound thing. It's such a privilege to be Sky's mom." It's fitting, then, that Berkley's first major role since her son's birth is one that brings her back to the beginning. "It's the perfect time in our family," she says of the *Saved by the Bell* reboot, in which Jessie has become Bayside's school counselor and a bestselling author. "For Sky to witness what I do and what I've worked for has brought a lot of joy," she says. "I have a deep passion for my work and a rich, beautiful life with my family. There is a lot to be grateful for." ●

The Role That Changed Everything
"*Showgirls* reframed how I saw my career," says Berkley of the notorious 1995 film. "Afterward it became about aligning myself with people at the top of their games and doing different kinds of roles to build it back." Ultimately, "I'm grateful for the experience," she says. "I walked through fire and came out the other side."

'Everything I've done comes from having a vision—and hard work'

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Still Having the Time of Her Life!

Sweet Memory "There's a power when people are gone—like they're still here," she says of late *Dirty Dancing* costar Patrick Swayze.

THE NEWLY SINGLE ACTRESS OPENS UP ABOUT THE *DIRTY DANCING* SEQUEL—AND WHY SHE'S DONE CARING WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK OF HER

By **NIGEL SMITH**

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It's been 33 years since Jennifer Grey first flung herself into the arms of Patrick Swayze in Dirty Dancing*—and the actress has faced her share of dramatic ups and downs since playing wide-eyed romantic Baby Houseman in the hit film. After rhinoplasty surgeries in the early '90s changed her look, she says casting directors stopped calling. ("I went in the operating room a celebrity and came out anonymous," she has said of the effect on her career.) But no one puts Baby in the corner for long: In 2010 she recaptured the hearts of millions by winning season 11 of* Dancing with the Stars*, not long after having a cancerous growth on her thyroid removed. Now she's newly divorced from actor Clark Gregg after a 19-year marriage (they share daughter Stella, 19), and she's reprising her role as Baby in a much-anticipated sequel to* Dirty Dancing*. She has no regrets about her past. "Your self-esteem shouldn't be attached to being perfect or judged," she says of what she's learned with age. "What if we all just did what makes us happy?"*

She Still Has Her Costume!
In 2017 Grey posed on Instagram in a dress she wore in *Dirty Dancing*. "#timecapsule," she wrote.

You were 27 when you filmed *Dirty Dancing*, 50 when you won *Dancing with the Stars*, and you turned 60 this year. How has your perspective changed on getting older?

I really don't give too much weight to chronological age, even though the world wants to tell you it means something. But to me it's as abstract and random as anything, because I know a million people who are very young who behave like they're ancient. I know my grandmother, who was 93 when she died, was dancing and making art and walking and living independently. I think that it's all about how you live, not how long you live.

Despite *Dirty Dancing*, you've always said you're not a real dancer. So what drove you to do *Dancing with the Stars*?

I had stopped working. I felt completely anxious and freaked out and traumatized by showbiz and fame. I just wanted to hide from it. Then I realized that what I loved was dancing, but I had stopped doing it since *Dirty Dancing* because I

MEMORABLE TURNS ONSCREEN

Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986)
Grey (with Matthew Broderick and Jeffrey Jones) was Ferris's jealous sister Jeanie.

Friends (1995)
She played Mindy, who married the ex-fiancé of Rachel (Jennifer Aniston).

Dancing with the Stars (2010)
She and pro partner Derek Hough took home the Mirrorball trophy.

Oh, Baby!
Grey and Swayze in *Dirty Dancing* and (inset) at the premiere in 1987.

Returning to a Life-Changing Role

"I think part of its appeal was that it was very genuine and simple," says Grey of 1987's *Dirty Dancing,* about a teen who falls for her dance instructor. "It was about innocence and the way that innocence is lost and how people explode into a different iteration of themselves." Details of the upcoming sequel are top-secret, but she says the film won't try to recapture the chemistry she had with Patrick Swayze, who died in 2009 of pancreatic cancer. "All I can say is there is no replacing anyone who's passed—you never try to repeat anything that's magic like that. You just go for something different."

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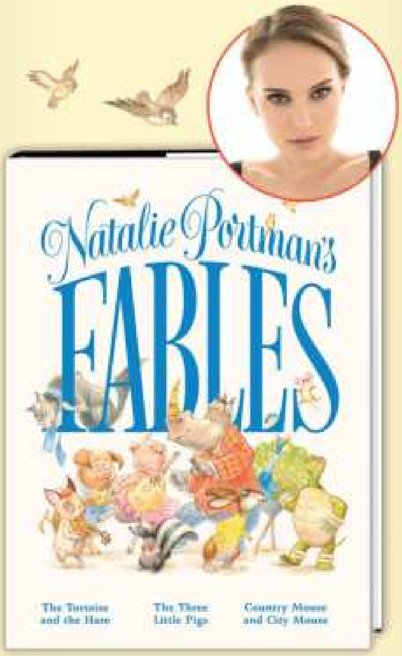

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just couldn't learn combinations. It was really hard for me to go to class because people would be so excited to see me dance. I'd go to a wedding, and everyone would clear the floor, like, "Okay, here it is; it's coming." And I'd be like, "Please, can't I just like dancing?" So the show was by far the hardest thing I've ever done. I was 50 and not a trained dancer. I had stage fright, and I didn't like reality TV. And then, of course, what happened was I got over my stage fright. It wasn't that I stopped being afraid, it was that I did it while being terrified.

Your dad, Joel Grey, is a Broadway legend, and your mom is actress and singer Jo Wilder. What was your childhood like?

It was a very health-centric family. My

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The Talented Grey Family

"I want to teach Stella to challenge herself," Grey says of her actress daughter, who stars in *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* Above: Grey, Stella and *Avengers* actor Clark Gregg, her husband from 2001 until their recent divorce. Top left: Grey with her father, Joel, who played the emcee in the original *Cabaret* on Broadway and won an Oscar for the role in the 1972 film.

mom was doing yoga and transcendental meditation in the '60s, and all of these things that are basically very mainstream now but were very fringe at the time. My mom's parents were both pharmacists who had come over from Ukraine when they were young, and basically their lives were about health and wellness. When I was growing up, my mom was very strict about no sugar, no sugar cereal, no sodas. As a kid, I was the weirdo. I was the one who had honey and sesame candies or dried fruit in my lunch for dessert. And people would feel sorry for me at school as I looked longingly at their Ding Dongs.

Your changing appearance was often a topic of conversation. How did that affect you?

I think one of the things I've understood as I've gotten older is how little I care what other people think of me. What I'm mostly concerned about is how I feel about myself. And if I can't love my aging body, it's not very kind to this body that's been working so hard to keep me in the game. If I look at my stomach where the skin is loose because I had a daughter, I think to myself, "Oh, the skin . . ." And then I go, "Who are you? This is not your higher self talking. Look at that beautiful daughter that you made in your body, this human being who's the most important thing in the world to you, that changed your life." Considering what my body has put up with, I just have to be grateful.

As your daughter becomes an adult, what do you hope she's learned from you?

I've tried to model what I was trying to teach her: Don't be afraid to fail. Don't be afraid to not be great at something. Don't be afraid to be a beginner. Don't be afraid to just be whatever it is you are. ●

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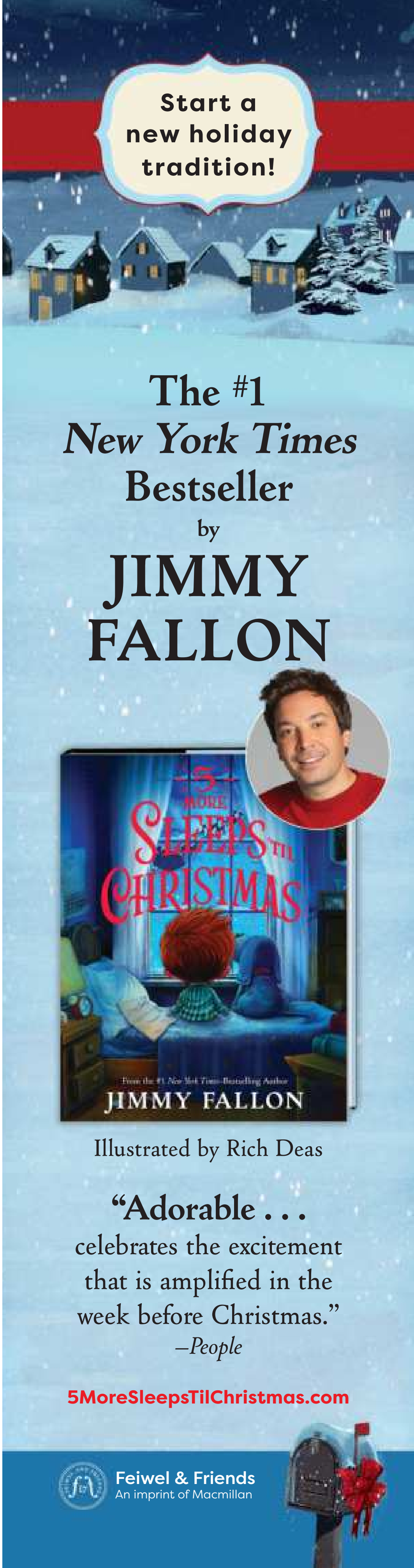

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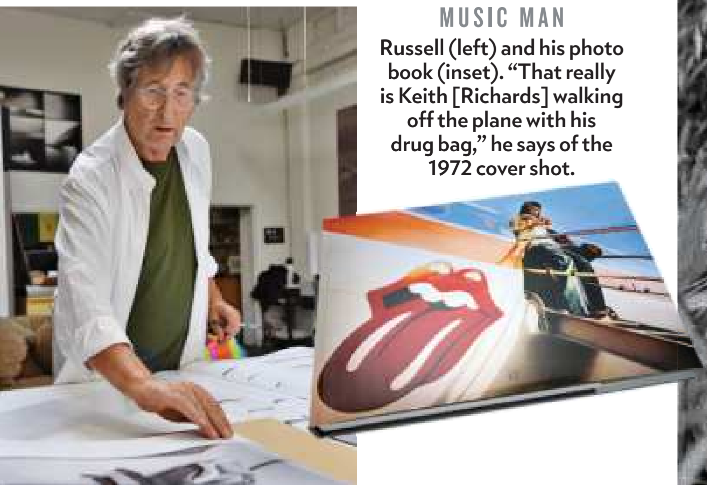
WITH UNPRECEDENTED ACCESS, HE CAPTURED AN INTIMATE SIDE OF THE BIGGEST NAMES IN ROCK ROYALTY *By* **LIZ McNEIL**

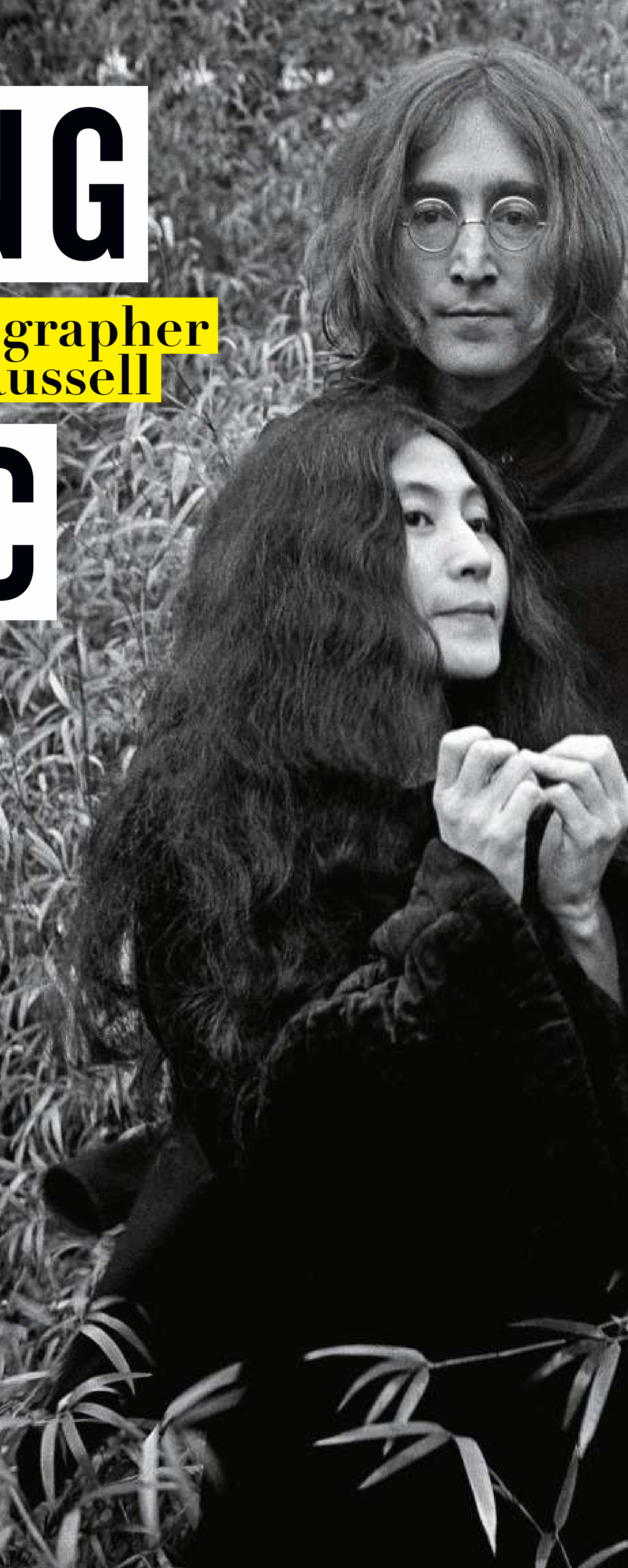
When Ethan Russell took photos of his famous subjects, he never asked them to pose. "People will reveal themselves in a funny way, even if you're not telling them what to do," says Russell, 75. "What I really care about is *feeling* the person in the picture."

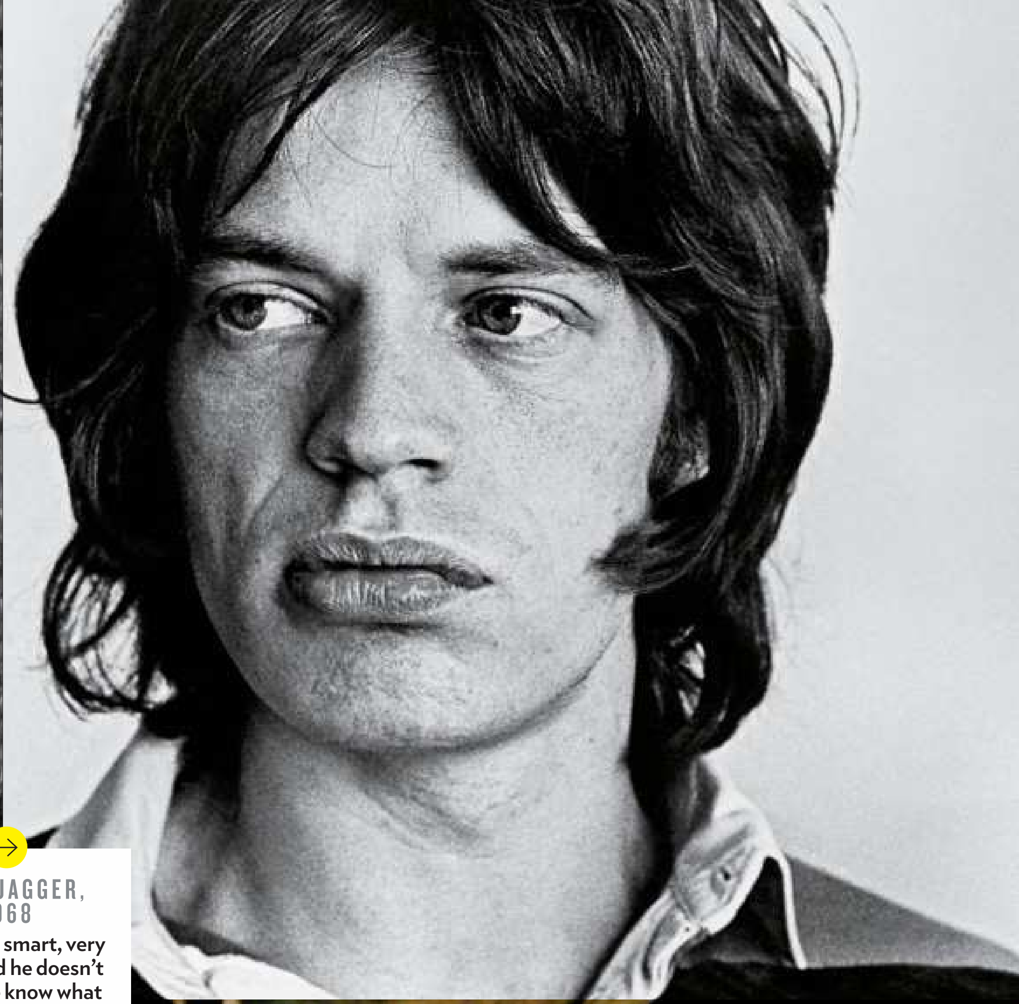
The result was a rarely seen intimacy with the biggest rock stars of a generation, now captured in a new coffee-table book, *Ethan Russell Photographs* (available at ethanrussell.com). It all began in 1968, when Russell moved from San Francisco to London at 22 to check out the music scene. "I wasn't a professional anything," he says. "I was a kid." One day his friend writer Jonathan Cott asked him to take photos for his next interview. "I asked, 'Who's it with?' He



MUSIC MAN

Russell (left) and his photo book (inset). "That really is Keith [Richards] walking off the plane with his drug bag," he says of the 1972 cover shot.



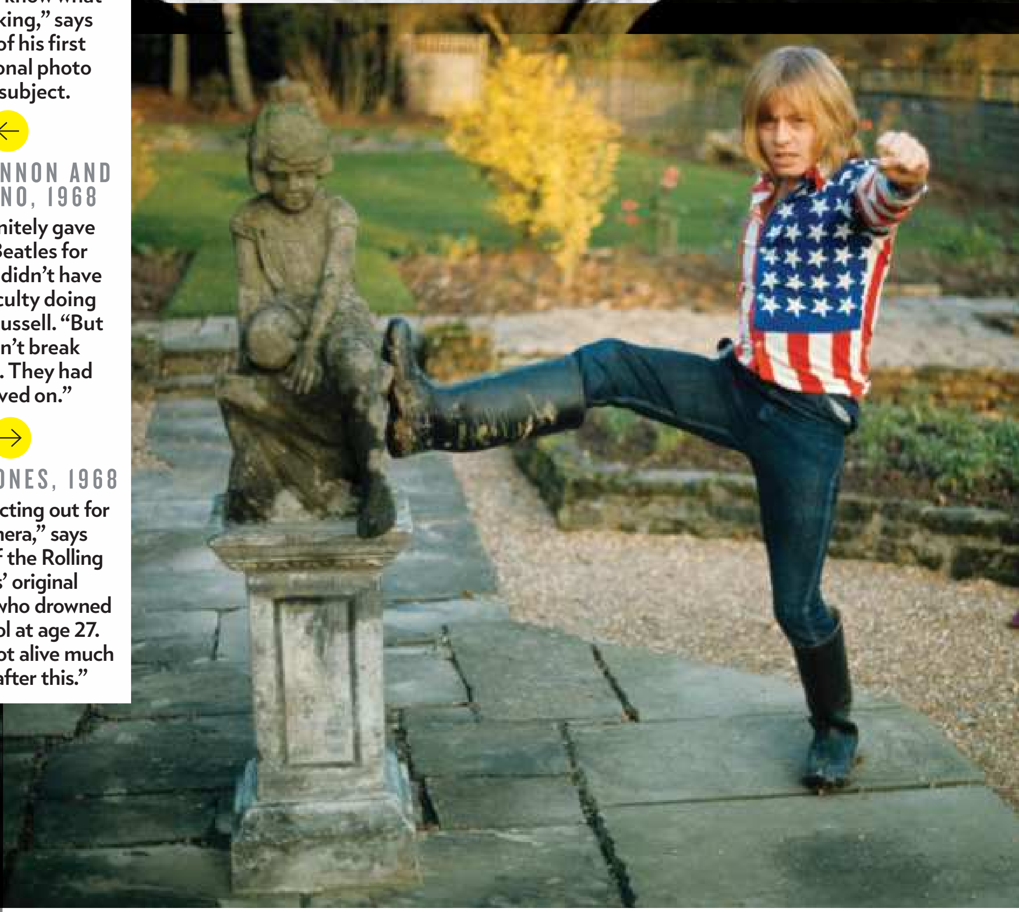


MICK JAGGER, 1968

“He’s very smart, very aware, and he doesn’t let people know what he’s thinking,” says Russell of his first professional photo shoot subject.

JOHN LENNON AND YOKO ONO, 1968

“He definitely gave up the Beatles for Yoko and didn’t have any difficulty doing it,” says Russell. “But she didn’t break them up. They had all moved on.”



BRIAN JONES, 1968

“He was acting out for the camera,” says Russell of the Rolling Stones’ original guitarist, who drowned in his pool at age 27. “He was not alive much longer after this.”

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said, 'Mick Jagger.' " The pictures turned out so well that Cott invited him along again—this time to photograph John Lennon. "He turned out to be a nice guy, and he was interested in me," Russell says. "I think the fact I was an American helped me a lot—these guys loved American rock and roll."

He and Lennon struck up a friendship. "One of the reasons John liked me was I wasn't snooty about Yoko, and I took beautiful pictures of her," he says. Russell went on to become the go-to photographer for the Rolling Stones and shoot the Who, Linda Ronstadt and Janis Joplin. As the music business grew more commercialized, he shifted his attention to music videos and films but reunited with Lennon in November 1980, filming him in Central Park and a SoHo art gallery for a video project. Ten days later his friend was shot and killed in front of the Dakota, the apartment building where he lived with Ono and their 5-year-old son Sean, "a loss that still lingers," Russell says. He put his new book together with his 17-year-old son in mind. "When you see these photos, you get to be there," he says. "There was a magic then that was incomparable." ●

ROGER DALTREY, 1973

"He was perfect at playing the part of Tommy [the vulnerable hero of the Who's 1969 rock opera], but that's not who he was," says Russell. "He was a little bit of a tough guy."

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‘WHEN I HEARD JOHN HAD DIED, TO ME, IT WAS THE END OF ALL OF IT. NO ONE WAS CARRYING THE FLAME THE SAME WAY’
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THE BEATLES, 1969
“The Beatles hadn’t yet broken up but would soon,” says Russell. “This was their last shoot together. They were bored. They’d been doing photo sessions their whole life.”

JOHN LENNON, 1969
“There were no rules,” says Russell. “He’d call me up to come over and take pictures, or I’d call him. There were no publicists. He let me stay as long as I could.”

LINDA RONSTADT, 1975
“She couldn’t have been more down-to-earth,” says Russell, who asked her out after the shoot. “We went to see the movie *Jaws* together.”

JIM MORRISON, 1969
“It was as if he was expecting the audience to come to him, rather than him giving anything to the audience,” says Russell of the Doors singer.

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What My Life's *Really* Like

THE MULTIPLATINUM SINGER, 39, WHOSE NEW ALBUM *HARMONY* IS OUT NOW, REVEALS HOW HE'S SURVIVING 2020

By **JEFF NELSON**

'Sometimes you don't realize how fast you're moving until you're forced to stop and take a deep breath.'

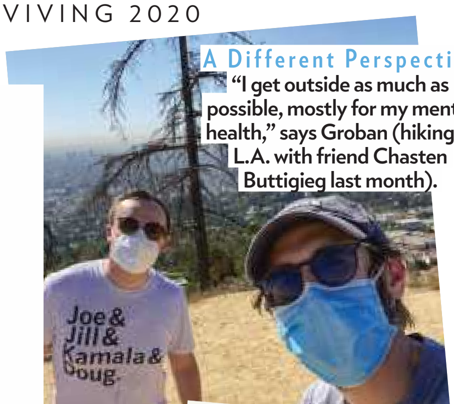
I'm trying to stay as Zen as possible… When it first became clear the pandemic was going to get worse before it got better, and the panic set in, I turned to music, as I always have. I tried to listen to as much as possible, I tried to write as much as possible. And it's been fun for Schyler [Helford, his girlfriend of two years] and me to cook for each other. We consider ourselves very lucky that we've had each other during this.

My heart was broken when my dog passed away in August… Sweeney was 16. I'm grateful quarantine coincided with a time when he needed me home. But now there is a void in my life. A huge part of my day was taking care of him and making sure he was comfortable—and preparing myself to say goodbye.

Technology has helped me find joy… I'm tech-stupid. But I learned how to use GarageBand—I started to program and write, just make noise day and night. It was so healthy for me to do that. I was doing it just for me, just for fun, like when I was a teenager.

I'm a bit of a gamer too… If I've done my work for the day and have an extra couple of hours, I'll play my PlayStation or Switch or VR goggles. For those who wish to escape the world, that's my way to do it.

But I also make time to meditate… I'm not perfect; I haven't done it every day. But on the days that I do it, it really clicks my brain into a place. If there's any silver lining to this tragedy of a year, it's that we've learned what's most important in our lives and how to practice self-health. When we get back on the treadmill—because we will get back on and start sprinting again—we better not forget that.



A Different Perspective
"I get outside as much as possible, mostly for my mental health," says Groban (hiking in L.A. with friend Chasten Buttigieg last month).

Bathtub Baritone
"I love the power of live music," Groban says of his Instagram concerts, which he sometimes streams from his shower.

DAILY STATS

Coffee…
"I used to grab an iced coffee on the go. Now I like preparing a meal."

New quarantine skill…
"I'm trying to learn French."

Show I'm bingeing…
"The West Wing. It holds up!"

Soulmate
"Sweeney was the absolute best," Groban says of his late wheaten terrier (in Malibu in a June Instagram).

Piano Man
"I try to put a little learning into my day," says Groban (at home). "If you feel like you're gaining something worthwhile, it keeps the demons at bay."

Breakfast Guru
"I've mastered all styles of eggs," Groban says.

Power Player
"I went through the Animal Crossing phase. After a while, you go cross-eyed, like, 'Time to put it down,'" he says.

Stars Aligned
"It's been a blessing to have such amazing companionship this year," he says of Helford, a 29-year-old actress.

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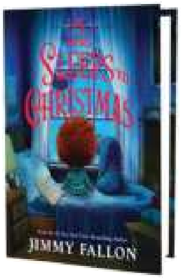
***5 More Sleeps 'til Christmas*, $19;** *bookshop.org*



Luxe Chocolate

"This is from Saugerties, N.Y., where I grew up. It's the best you can buy!"

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Sentimental Mug

"My wife had these made up with pictures of our family. When Justin Timberlake visits, he always gets mine."

Custom mug, $12; *shutterfly.com*

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Pizza Night Essential

"I go to my local pizzeria and buy the dough, sauce and cheese, and then make it on this stone with the kids."

Emile Henry pizza stone, $55; *williams-sonoma.com*

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Sweet Loungewear

"At this point we're spending two-thirds of our lives in pajamas, so I teamed up with Alex Mill to make these."

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Keys to Get Down On

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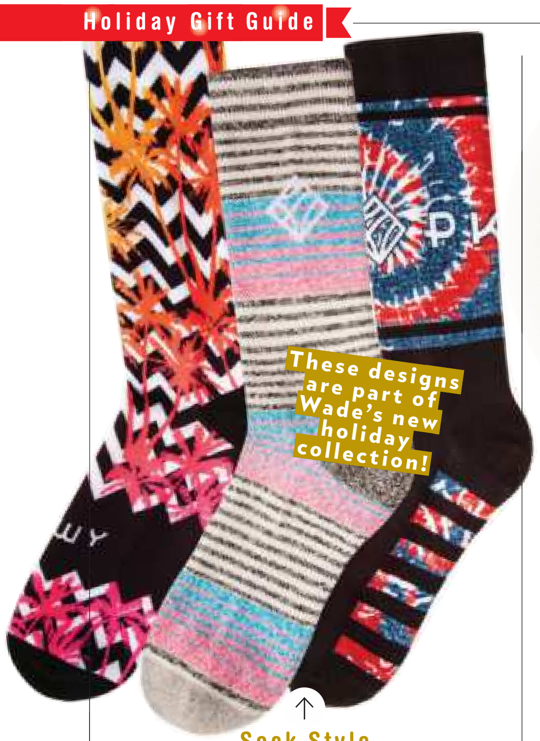
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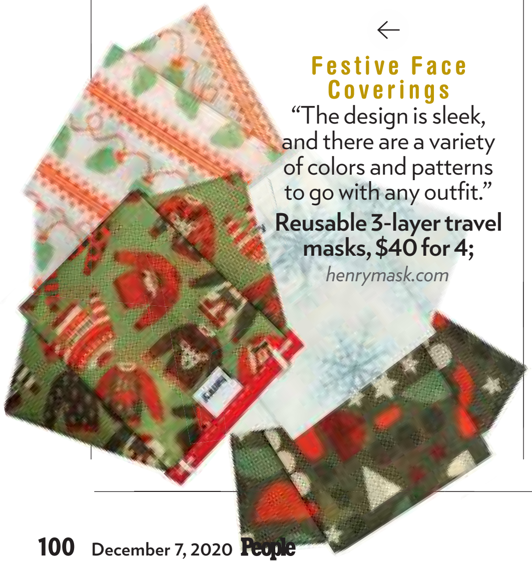
"Beanies are a staple accessory. If you're bold like me, try a bright red or orange for a pop of color."

Satinior trawler beanie, $8; *amazon.com*



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Festive Face Coverings

"The design is sleek, and there are a variety of colors and patterns to go with any outfit."

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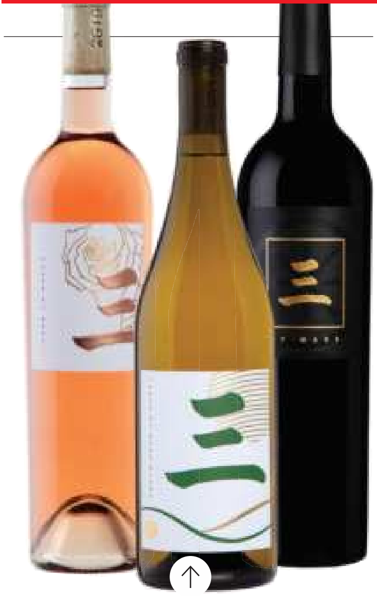

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Bottles of Cheer

"Everyone knows my love of wine. This set of my Napa Valley rosé, blanc and cabernet is the perfect gift."

Three by Wade wines, $100 for 3; *dwadecellars.com*

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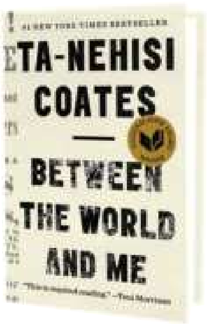
A Must-Read

"This is one of many books that has gotten me through the last few months."

***Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates, $24;** *bookshop.org*



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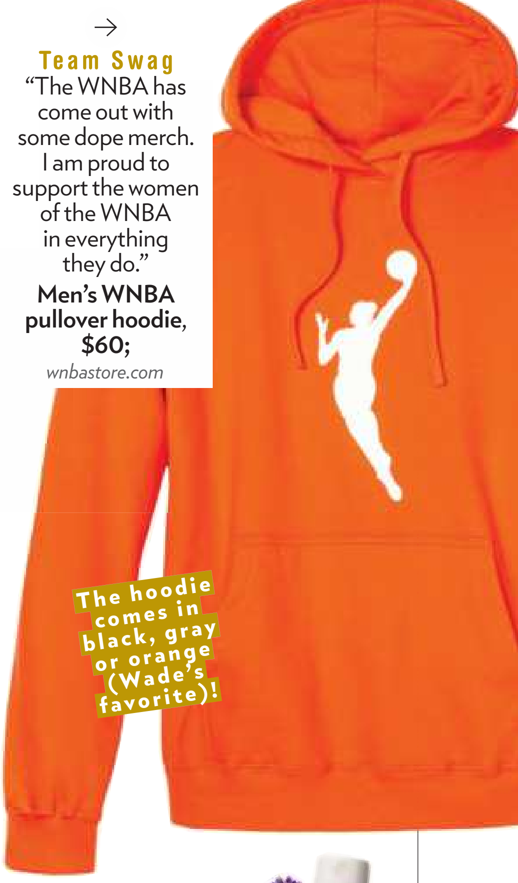

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Team Swag

"The WNBA has come out with some dope merch. I am proud to support the women of the WNBA in everything they do."

Men's WNBA pullover hoodie, $60; *wnbastore.com*

The hoodie comes in black, gray or orange (Wade's favorite)!

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Infused Oil

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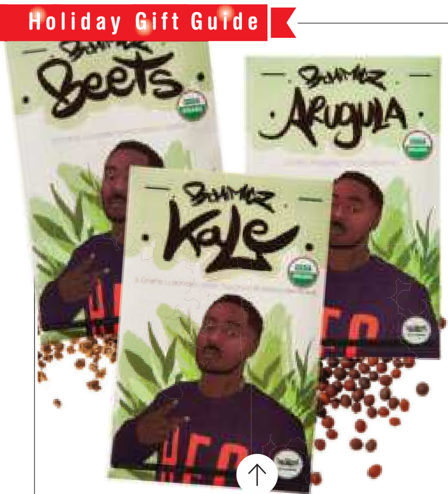

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"DJ Cavem has a deep connection to environmental activism and food justice. His organic seeds are perfect for a foodie."

Sprout That Life seeds, $19 for 3 packs; *chefietef.com*

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Wavy planter, $42 and up; *potstudiola.com*

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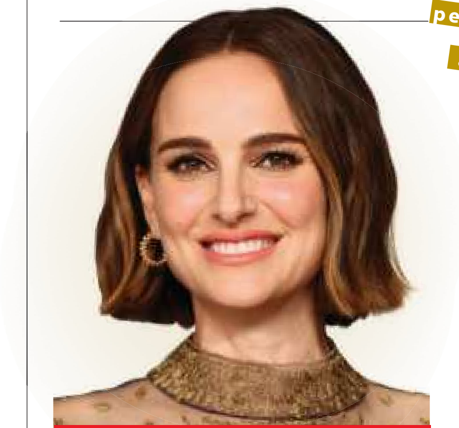

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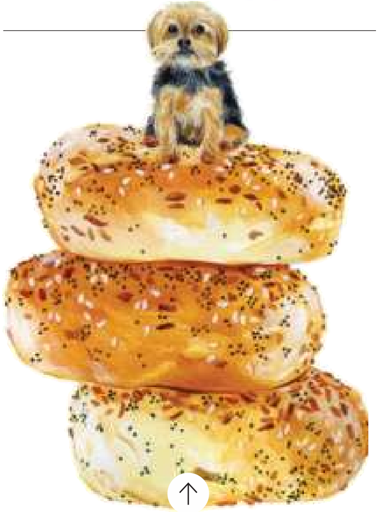


Animal Prints

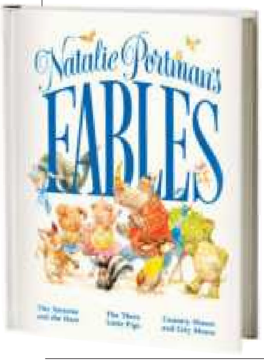
"Artist Meryl Rowin's paintings of pets on food are hilarious. I got one for my mom of our dog Whiz on bagels!"

Custom pet portrait, $150 and up; *yaypaperco.etsy.com*

Case with a Cause

"This is a reminder every time we take out our phones to make the world more equitable."

Time's Up by Amber Vittoria iPhone case, $36; society6.com



Modern Stories

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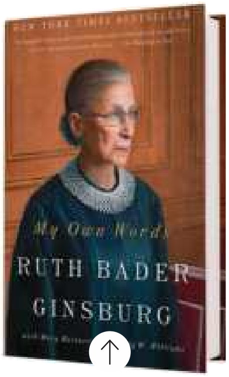

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Throwback Snaps

"This is a gift that will be superfun if you're trying to capture your life like the main character in an indie film. I mean, let's be real, you are."

Fujifilm disposable 35mm camera, $25 for 2; walmart.com

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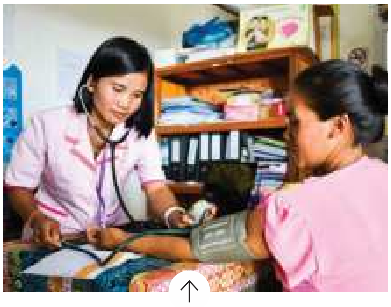
Bluetooth Tunes

"For my socially distanced outings with friends or soul-searching solo adventures, I set the soundtrack with this speaker."

JBL Clip 3, $30; jbl.com



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"For the activist ready to make real change: This organization supplies gifts that can make a difference in a girl's life, like training a female health worker."

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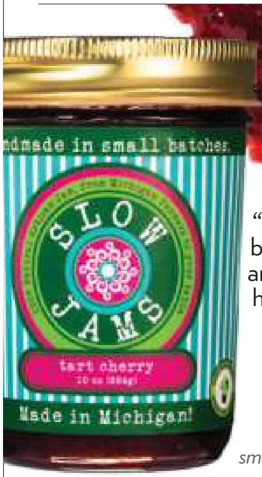
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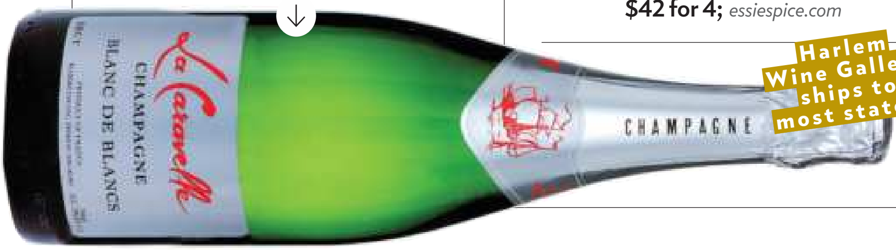
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serengetiteas.com

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A Culinary Voyage

"My new cookbook is about documenting Black excellence in the American food journey."

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January Jones decking the halls in her home on Nov. 1.

Holiday Special!

The Best New Seasonal Scents

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Baking Cookies

The delectable vanilla scent of this rich body cream may leave you craving a sweet treat.

The Body Shop Warm Vanilla Body Butter, $21; thebodyshop.com

Toasting with Friends

This champagne-inspired dry shampoo will make a virtual holiday party feel almost as fun as an in-person celebration

Drybar Bubbles & Berries Detox Dry Shampoo, $23; sephora.com

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Sitting by a Fireplace

Transform your living room into a cozy cabin with this candle, which has woody notes of smoked cedar, warm embers and clove.

Bath & Body Works Fireside 3-Wick Candle, $24.50; bathandbodyworks.com

Sipping Peppermint Hot Cocoa

This salve smells just like the tasty beverage.

Burt's Bees Mint Cocoa Lip Balm, $4; burtsbees.com

Decorating the Tree

Went with a faux fir? This pine-and-eucalyptus spray helps your space smell like the real thing.

Diptyque Moonlit Fir Room Spray, $45; diptyqueparis.com

Shopping for Gifts

A spritz of this pretty perfume will transport you to a fancy department store.

Chloé Eau de Toilette Rose Tangerine, $95 for 1.6 oz; sephora.com

Skating in the Park

The crisp, wintry scent of this diffuser captures the feeling of a day at the rink.

Nest New York Blue Cypress & Snow Reed Diffuser, $48; nestnewyork.com

3 Ways to Make the Most of Your Fragrances

Cover Your Candle

If a candle comes with a lid, don't toss it. Keep it on between lightings to prevent dirt and dust from collecting on the wax and wick.

Flip Your Sticks

When your diffuser starts to lose its potency, it's time to turn the reeds over. You can also add more sticks to the jar to intensify the aroma.

Spray Smarter

Instead of misting a room spray into the air, aim it at the carpet, couch or curtains so it lingers longer. (Just do a spot test first, to make sure it doesn't stain.)

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CHRISTINA TOSI

Tie-Dye Sugar Cookies with Fruity Glaze

'These cookies are every bit an excuse to channel your inner artist,' says the pastry chef and author of the *Milk Bar: Kids Only* cookbook. 'They also happen to be a delicious treat!'

Cooking spray
1 cup (8 oz.) unsalted butter, softened
½ cup packed light brown sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for work surface
½ tsp. kosher salt
1 Tbsp. pure cranberry juice
1½ cups powdered sugar, divided
Pink, orange and purple liquid food coloring (optional)
1 Tbsp. pulp-free orange juice
1 Tbsp. grape juice

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Coat 2 large rimmed baking sheets with cooking spray; set aside. Beat butter and brown sugar with a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment on medium speed until smooth, about 45 seconds. Add flour and salt; beat on low speed until fully incorporated, 45 seconds to 1 minute. Shape dough into a ball; divide evenly into 3 portions. Place each portion in a separate ziplock plastic bag; press to flatten, and seal bags. Chill dough 15 minutes.

2. Remove 1 dough portion from refrigerator, and transfer from bag to a lightly floured work surface. Roll to ¼-inch thickness. Using a 2¾-inch-round cutter, cut dough into rounds. Transfer rounds to prepared baking sheets spaced 2 inches apart. Repeat process with remaining dough. (You should have 24 cookie rounds total.)

3. Bake in preheated oven until cookies are slightly golden around edges, 6 to 10 minutes. Remove from oven. Let cool completely on baking sheets, about 30 minutes.

4. Whisk together cranberry juice and ½ cup of the powdered sugar in a small bowl until smooth; if desired, add pink food coloring. Whisk together orange juice and ½ cup of the powdered sugar in a separate bowl until smooth; if desired, add orange food coloring. Whisk together grape juice and remaining ½ cup powdered sugar in a third bowl until smooth; if desired, add purple food coloring.

5. Spoon 2 teaspoons of the pink glaze onto center of a small plate. Drizzle 2 teaspoons each of the orange and purple glazes on top; using a wooden toothpick, slightly swirl colors together. Dip the top of 1 cookie into multicolored glaze; let excess drip back onto plate. Using toothpick, swirl colors together on glazed cookie. Place cookie, glaze side up, on a plate. Repeat process with remaining cookies, adding and swirling small amounts of dyed glaze to plate as needed to maintain the tie-dye effect. Let stand until glaze is set, 1 to 2 hours.

Makes: 24 cookies
Active time: 30 minutes
Total time: 2 hours, 15 minutes

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VALLERY LOMAS

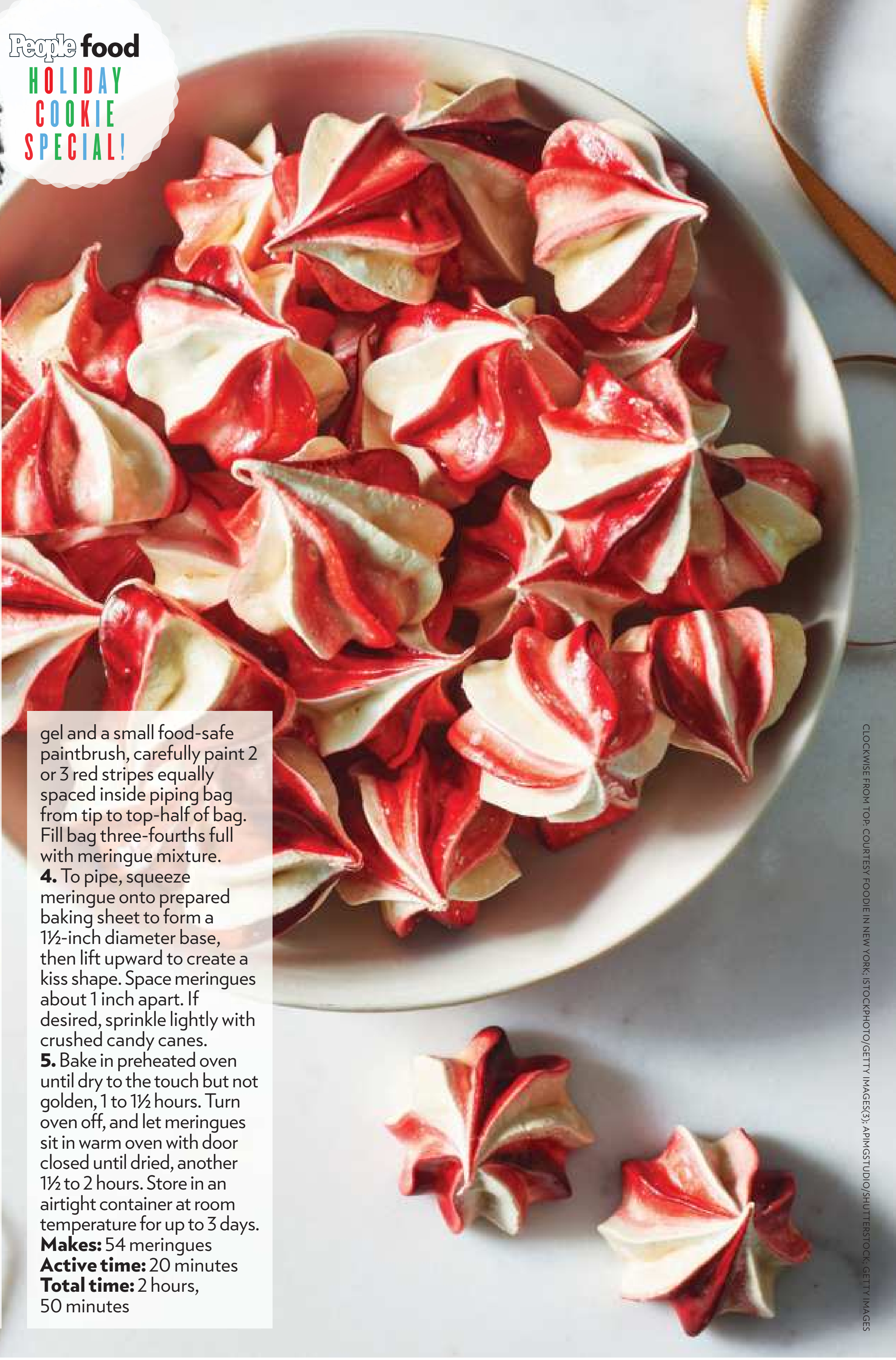
Candy Cane Meringues

The *Foodie in New York* blogger and former *Great American Baking Show* winner gives her treats a 'holiday twist by adding peppermint flavor and a spiral of holly red!'

4	**large egg whites**
Pinch of sea salt	
½	**tsp. cream of tartar**
¾	**tsp. peppermint extract**
1	**cup granulated sugar, divided**
Red food coloring gel	
2-3	**Tbsp. finely crushed candy canes (optional)**

1. Preheat oven to 250°. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. Place egg whites and salt in bowl of a stand mixer fitted with whisk attachment. Beat on medium speed until frothy, about 1 minute. Add cream of tartar, peppermint extract and ¼ cup sugar, and beat on medium-high speed until combined. With mixer running on medium-high speed, gradually add remaining ¾ cup sugar in 3 (¼-cup) increments. Beat on medium-high speed until meringue holds its shape in stiff, glossy peaks, 7 to 10 minutes.
3. Assemble a large piping bag with a large star piping tip. Using red food coloring gel and a small food-safe paintbrush, carefully paint 2 or 3 red stripes equally spaced inside piping bag from tip to top-half of bag. Fill bag three-fourths full with meringue mixture.
4. To pipe, squeeze meringue onto prepared baking sheet to form a 1½-inch diameter base, then lift upward to create a kiss shape. Space meringues about 1 inch apart. If desired, sprinkle lightly with crushed candy canes.
5. Bake in preheated oven until dry to the touch but not golden, 1 to 1½ hours. Turn oven off, and let meringues sit in warm oven with door closed until dried, another 1½ to 2 hours. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 3 days.

Makes: 54 meringues
Active time: 20 minutes
Total time: 2 hours, 50 minutes



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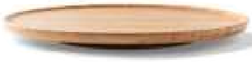
Missing a Tool? Try This!

These household items also work in a pinch

Rolling Pin

Use a **wine bottle** to roll out cookie dough, biscuits or pie crust. Remove the label first so it doesn't stick to the dough.



Rotating Cake Stand

A regular **kitchen lazy Susan** will allow you to spin and decorate cakes with ease.

Piping Bag

Snip one corner off a **large plastic ziplock freezer bag** and fill with frosting. The larger the cut, the thicker the design.

Cookie Cutter

Drag a **pairing knife** around a **mason jar lid** to make uniformly round shapes.

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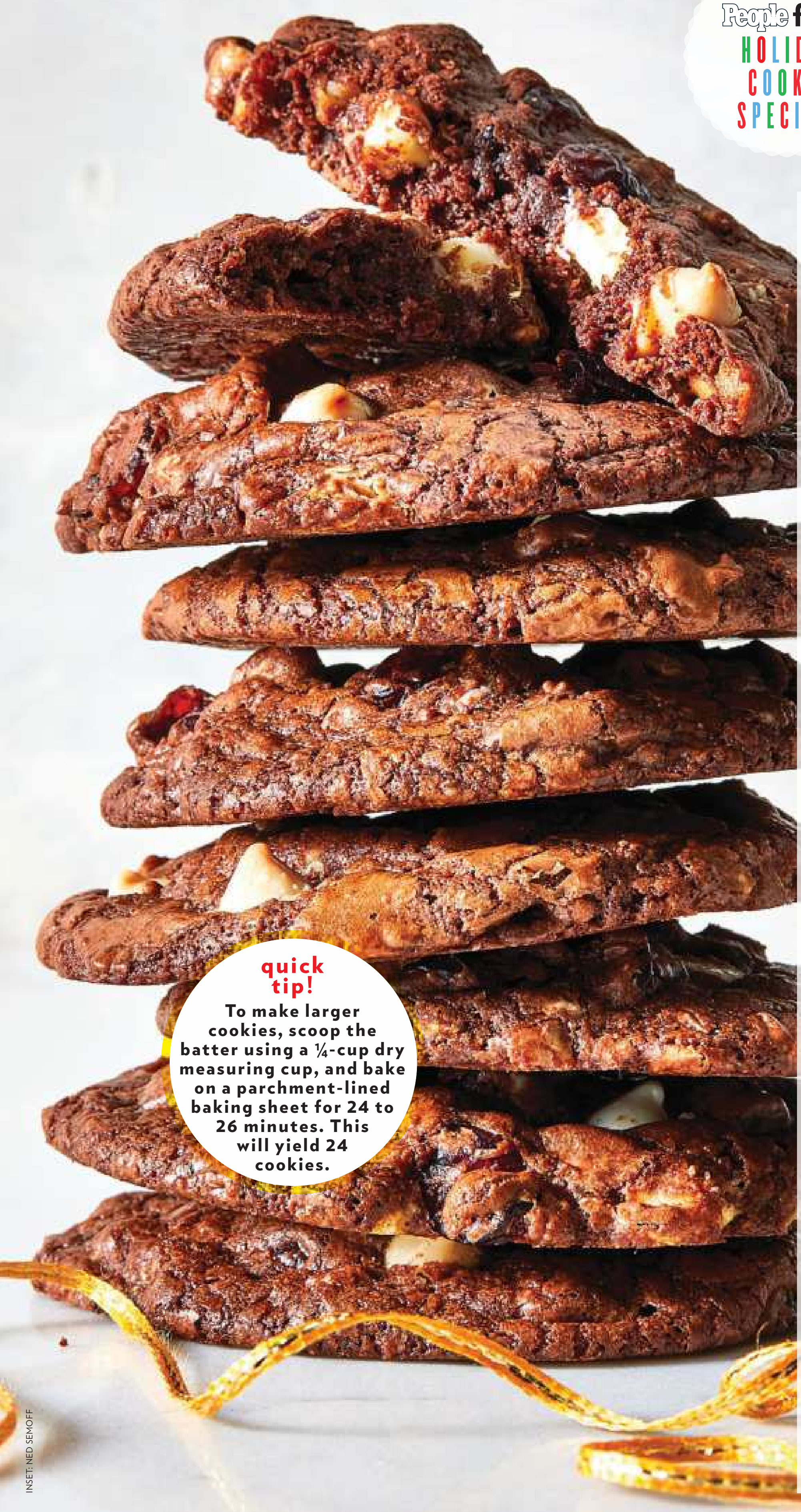

quick tip!

To make larger cookies, scoop the batter using a ¼-cup dry measuring cup, and bake on a parchment-lined baking sheet for 24 to 26 minutes. This will yield 24 cookies.

INSET: NED SEMOFF

BOBBIE LLOYD

Triple Chocolate & Espresso Cookies with Pecans

'Every delicious bite tastes like the holidays,' says the author of *The Magnolia Bakery Handbook*

1½ cups semisweet chocolate chips
4 oz. unsweetened chocolate bars, chopped
¾ cup (6 oz.) unsalted butter
½ cup all-purpose flour
1 tsp. kosher salt
½ tsp. baking powder
4 large eggs
1½ cups granulated sugar
1 Tbsp. plus 1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 Tbsp. plus 1 tsp. instant espresso coffee
1½ cups (9 oz.) white chocolate chips
1 cup chopped toasted pecans
1 cup dried sweetened cranberries

1. Preheat oven to 325°. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Bring ½ inch water to a boil in a large saucepan over high. Place chocolate chips, chopped chocolate and butter in a medium heatproof bowl; set over simmering water. Reduce temperature to medium. Cook, stirring occasionally, until chocolate and butter have melted and mixture is smooth, about 8 minutes. Remove from heat; set aside.
3. Whisk together flour, salt and baking powder in a small bowl; set aside. Beat together eggs, sugar, vanilla and espresso with an electric mixer fitted with whisk attachment on medium speed until thick and pale, about 4 minutes, stopping to scrape sides of bowl as needed. Add melted chocolate mixture to egg mixture; beat on low speed until just combined, about 30 seconds. Scrape down sides of bowl. Gently fold in flour mixture, using a rubber spatula, until just combined. Gently fold in white chocolate chips, pecans and cranberries; let dough stand at room temperature 10 minutes.
4. Use a 1-ounce cookie scoop to scoop batter on baking sheet about 1½ inches apart. Bake, rotating halfway through, until cracked and shiny, about 15 minutes. Let cool on baking sheet 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack; let cool. Repeat with remaining dough.
Makes: 48 cookies
Active time: 15 minutes
Total time: 2 hours

By ANA CALDERONE

28 Across

Golden Girl

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1 Moreno or Wilson

5 Drake's "No ___ Talk"

9 ___ for the course

12 "To ___ and a bone and a hank of hair…" (2 wds.)

13 Director Kazan

14 "We ___" by Justin Bieber

15 CMA's 2014 Song of the Year: "Follow ___ Arrow" by 28 Across

16 Close to

17 Get ___ of (discard)

18 Snoop Dogg album "___ Trippin'"

20 Used a microwave oven, slangily

22 First name of 28 Across

25 Items in Rory McIlroy's golf bag

27 ABC's *Black-*___

28 With 22 Across, country singer-songwriter with six Grammys

33 Extraterrestrial intelligence, for short

34 Inits. of an actors' organization

35 *Letters from ___ Jima*

36 The reverse of what was said is also true (2 wds.)

40 Evening, poetically

41 Dick Tracy's gal

42 28 Across's Grammy-winning single "___ Go Round"

44 28 Across's 2019 Best Country Song Grammy winner "___ Cowboy"

47 "It ___ to Be You"

48 ___ capita

49 Divorce mecca

52 Comedian Chappelle

56 Singer DiFranco

57 Twin of Jacob

58 Infuriated

59 Genetic substance akin to DNA

60 Bambi, for one

61 "A Sunday Kind of Love" singer James

down

1 Liotta or Romano

2 In receipt of, for short

3 Greek T

4 Let's ___ to disagree

5 Comedian and TV host Jay

6 "___ Buttermilk Sky"

7 Singer-actress Peeples

8 *Love, Simon's* Jennifer

9 "Same Trailer Different ___" (28 Across's debut album)

10 Singer India.___

11 Comedian Foxx

19 Place where many hoopsters play

21 *McFarland,* ___

22 Capital of Ukraine

23 Italian wine-making city

24 Sophisticatedly stylish

25 Peter the Great and Ivan the Terrible

26 Omelet inputs

29 Functions

30 Oscar nominee, e.g.

31 Widemouthed pitcher

32 Japanese conglomerate

37 And so forth, concisely

38 Changed direction suddenly

39 "I ___ Rock" (2 wds.)

43 Actor Redmayne

44 Shadowbox

45 Teller's partner

46 Jose Carreras rendition

47 *Golden ___* (28 Across's 2019 Album of the Year Grammy winner)

50 Opposite of WNW

51 Scottish no

53 ___ deco

54 VFW member

55 Writer LeShan

Answers to last week's Puzzler

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By JOHN GREENMAN

MATT BARON/SHUTTERSTOCK

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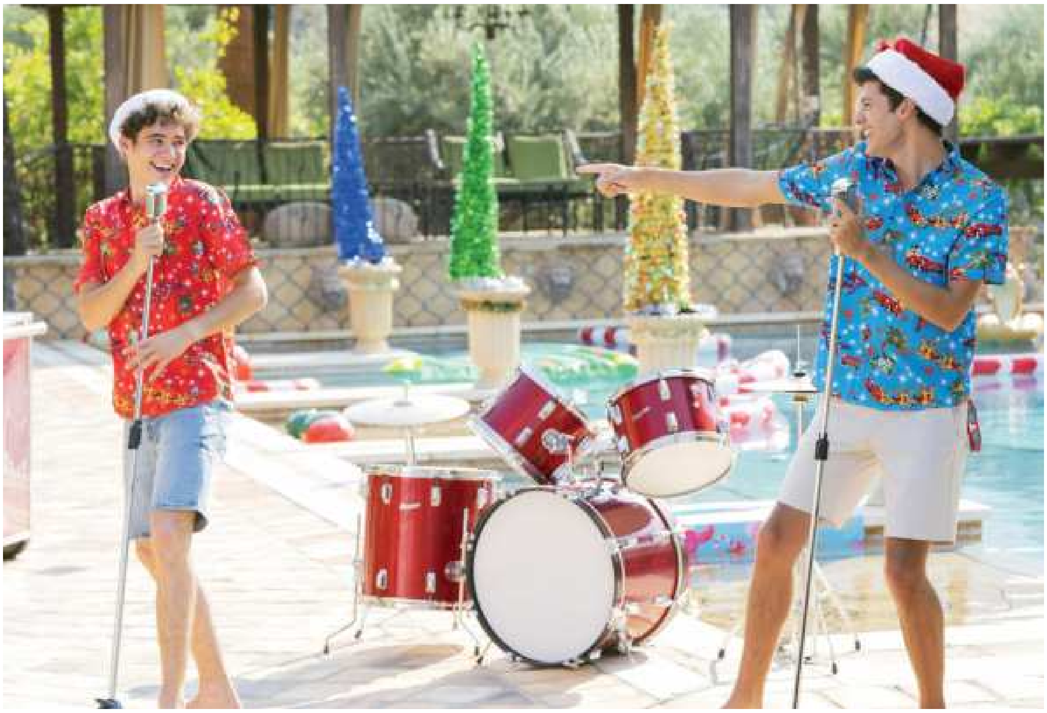

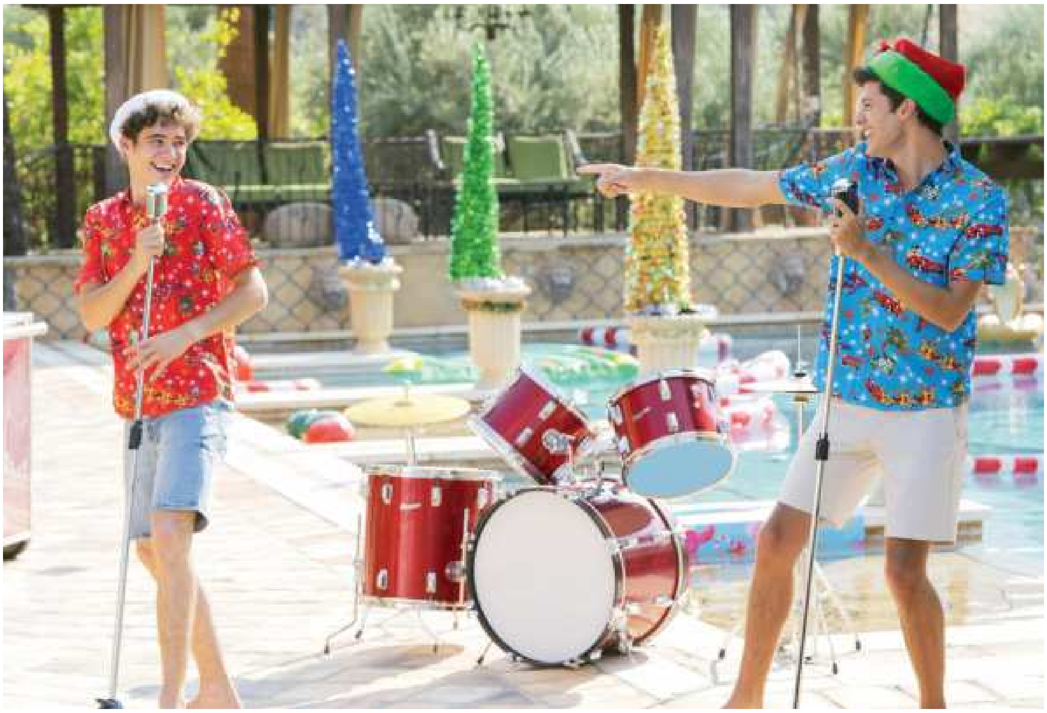

Jingle all the way! In the upcoming holiday special from the mockumentary *High School Musical: The Musical: The Series,* costars **Joshua Bassett** (left) and **Matt Cornett** perform “Little Saint Nick.” The special, which premieres Dec. 11 on Disney+, will include performances of Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year’s songs, as well as the cast sharing behind-the-scenes secrets, holiday traditions and New Year’s resolutions.

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changes to keep score!

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ERIC MCCANDLESS/DISNEY+(2)

1. The blue Christmas tree is taller. **2.** The detailing on the wall between the blue and green Christmas trees is gone. **3.** The cymbal is gold. **4.** One of the feet of the drum on the left has moved. **5.** The bottom of the drum on the right is blue. **6.** Cornett’s sunglasses are missing from his back pocket. **7.** An additional candy cane floatie has been added to the pool. **8.** Cornett’s microphone is black. **9.** The white trim on Cornett’s Santa hat is green. **10.** An additional wooden beam has been added to the gazebo, behind the gold tree.

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Kaley Cuoco

THE ACTRESS AND ANIMAL LOVER, 34, STARS IN HBO MAX'S NEW THRILLER SERIES *THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT*

JOHN RUSSO/CONTOUR BY GETTY IMAGES

Last game I played
My husband [equestrian Karl Cook] and I play Scrabble constantly. I will block you even if I only get seven points, which makes the game very annoying for my opponents. But I think it's brilliant.

Last time I was injured
I was shooting a scene for *Flight Attendant* where I had to pretend to kick an ice bucket, but I actually kicked it. When we finished, my socks were filled with blood.

Last DIY project
I'm not usually a DIY person, but over quarantine we built a greenhouse for our rescue rabbits Leni and Simon. We call it Hippity Hop Lane.

Last time I was starstruck
A while ago [pre-COVID] I was sitting next to Jennifer Aniston at a restaurant. She is my total idol. Karl convinced me to say hi, and she put her arms around me! It was the best moment.

Last time my husband made me laugh
His Instagram is basically devoted to trolling me; he posts horrific photos. But I get him back—trolling each other is true love.

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